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*THEME: "Living The Faith - Being The Church..."*
*LUKE 4:18-19*

# BLADEN
# BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
## North Carolina
# 1996

# 1996 ANNUAL
# BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
## of
## NORTH CAROLINA
## ONE-HUNDRED FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

**Held With**
**Hickory Grove Baptist Church**
**November 5, 1996**

**and**

**Cypress Creek Baptist Church**
**November 6, 1996**

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## ANNUAL SESSIONS FOR 1997

**Center Road Baptist Church**
**October 28, 1997**

**and**

**Friendship Baptist Church**
**October 29, 1997**

***Preacher: Rev. Bruce Cannon***
***Alternate: Rev. Bob Boone***

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# PROCEEDINGS

## One-Hundred Fifth Annual Session of the BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION November 5 and 6, 1996

*Theme: Living The Faith - Being The Church (Luke 4:18-19)*

### Tuesday Evening November 5, 1996

### Hickory Grove Baptist Church

This meeting was scheduled for Tuesday evening, October 29, 1996 and Wednesday, October 30, 1996, but was re-scheduled due to the tragic death of Moderator David Rutland's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Wanda Rutland.

The One-Hundred-Fifth Annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association met at the Hickory Grove Baptist Church for the evening session at 7:30 P.M. with Moderator David Rutland presiding. Director of Music Darryll Hester led in singing the hymn *"Serve The Lord With Gladness."* Rev. James Brooks led in devotion and prayer.

Moderator Rutland made mention that the associational flag had been made and was on display. He called on DOM Roberts to unfurl the flag. The flag will be used in a processional next week at the State Baptist Convention.

Moderator Rutland called for the enrollment report. The clerk reported forty-eight elected registered messengers, nineteen pastors, one officer, and sixty-six visitors, thus making a grand total of one-hundred and thirty-four present. She made the motion that these messengers and others who would register later constitute the one-hundred fifth session of the Bladen Baptist Association. The motion was adopted.

Moderator Rutland moved that the program as outlined in the Book of Reports for the evening session tonight at Hickory Grove Baptist Church and the day session on November 6, 1996 at Cypress Creek Baptist Church be adopted. Rev. Donald Coley made the motion to accept the program. The motion was seconded by Rev. Darryll Hester and it was carried. Moderator Rutland called upon DOM Roberts to introduce the new pastors who had joined the association during the past year. He welcomed the following new pastors as follows: Rev. Oren Honeycutt, Faith; Rev. Charles Brust, Lisbon (not present); Rev. Robert Gray, Shady Grove; Rev. Currie Long, Riverside; Rev. Dewey Jackson, Abbottsburg; Rev. Donald Coley, Interim, First Baptist Church, Dublin; Lorenzo Torez, Hispanic Mission at Briar Branch (not present); Rev. Robert Carter, Sandy Grove.

**Miscellaneous Business**: Moderator Rutland recognized Mr. Norwood Bollinger, who presented the following petition: *"We the body of the Church (Community Baptist) have duly discussed and voted to ask for admission to the Bladen Baptist Association, with 100% of the vote of sixteen in first service. We have decided, after carefully considering all of our options, that we would be much better off to form our own church, and we have voted on our interim pastor, Rev. Acie Faulk of Reigelwood, North Carolina by 100% vote. We are taking one step at a time. We love the Lord Jesus Christ and will serve no other. We prefer not to mention any names from our former church, and no ill feelings toward any of them. We pray and ask for prayer for ourselves and them. May God bless us all, and have mercy on us all. We are looking forward to being accepted by the Bladen Baptist*

*Association and we thank you very much."* Rev. Robert Carter made the motion to accept the petition. The motion was seconded and carried. Moderator Rutland appointed a membership committee as follows: Rev. Bob Boone, Chairman, Mr. Hooker Hall, Co-Chairman, Mrs. Thelma Barnes, Rev. Richard Smith and Mrs. Brenda Rutland. This committee will work with the Community Baptist Church for one year, while under the watch care of the association.

Director of Music Darryll Hester led the congregation in singing the hymn *"Living for Jesus."* He also sang a solo, *"In the Presence of Jehovah."* Rev. James Brooks, Pastor of Hickory Grove Baptist Church, delivered the annual sermon taken from Matthew 9:36-38, entitled, *"Fields are White for Harvest."*

The evening session recessed at 9:00 P.M. with Rev. Donald Coley leading in prayer.

## Wednesday Morning
## November 6, 1996
## Cypress Creek Baptist Church

The second session of the One-Hundred Fifth Annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association re-convened at 9:30 A.M. at the Cypress Creek Baptist Church with Moderator David Rutland presiding. Director of Music Darryll Hester led in singing the hymn, *"Onward Christian Soldiers."*

Moderator Rutland welcomed everyone and recognized Rev. Richard Smith to lead in reading the scripture, taken from Luke 10:25-37, and in prayer.

Moderator Rutland recognized DOM Roberts to give the Director of Missions Report. See Book of Reports, page 34. DOM Roberts also reported in the absence of Rev. Bruce Cannon for the Missions Development Committee. He commended the associational churches for their great cooperation with mission work. DOM Roberts indicated the Bladen Baptist Association would be spot lighted at the State Baptist Convention next week with a booth in the exhibit area emphasizing the mission work that is being done at the associational level. He also told of how several of the churches are assisting the Ukraine Student Ministry. DOM Roberts introduced the Ukraine student, Mr. Alex Goncharov, who is attending Campbell University, his wife and son, and he gave his thanks for the opportunity to be in the United States and for the privilege of attending the university. His goal while here is to receive an education and return to his country and be able to teach in a seminary and hopefully to be a pastor also. He also gave his testimony.

DOM Roberts said the theme for the association for the coming year is *"Start Something New."* He challenged everyone present to accept the responsibility and the challenge to start something new for the glory of God. The churches have already received a *"Start Something New"* packet.

Moderator Rutland called on the following organizational departments to give their reports:

**WMU:** Mrs. Elizabeth Bryan - See Book of Reports, page 38.

**Brotherhood:** Mr. Ewin Davis - See Book of Reports, page 3.

**Discipleship:** DOM Roberts reported in the absence of Mrs. Etta M. Smith. See Book of Reports, page 37. He also reported M Night will be on November 25, 1996 at Butters Baptist Church.

**Sunday School:** Dr. Mike Thompson - See Book of Reports, page 37.

**Music:** Rev. Darryll Hester - See Book of Reports, page 41. He also indicated there will be clinics in August and October for anyone interested in help in the music department.

Rev. Darryll Hester rendered the special music by singing a special rendition, *"Feel the Nails"*, after which DOM Roberts introduced Dr. Ben Gault, with the

N.C. Partnership Missions. He passed out fact sheets *"Explore Africa and Your Heart."* He expounded on the Partnership Missions in Northern part of South Africa.

Moderator Rutland called on DOM Roberts to introduce Mr. Bill Stillerman, President of Baptist Retirement Homes to give a presentation on the Retirement Homes. He passed out fact sheets.

Moderator Rutland opened the floor for miscellaneous business. There was no business; therefore, the morning session was adjourned for a short break.

Music Director Darryll Hester led the congregation in singing the hymn, *"The Banner of the Cross"*, after which Moderator David Rutland brought the morning message entitled *"God's Church in the Modern World."*

The morning session adjourned with prayer led by Rev. Darryll Hester.

## Wednesday Afternoon
## November 6, 1996
## Cypress Creek Baptist Church

The Annual Associational meeting reassembled at 1:00 P.M. with singing the hymn, *"The Kingdom Is Coming"*, led by Director of Music Darryll Hester. Rev. Richard Smith led in reading of the scripture and prayer.

Moderator Rutland called on the following Committee Reports:

**Nominating:** Rev. Darryll Hester - See Book of Reports, pages 3, 4, 5 & 6.

**Auditing:** No report. The final report will be reported at the Executive Meeting in January, 1997.

**Evangelism:** Rev. Bob Boone - See Book of Reports, page 42. Rev. Boone added that the number of baptisms had gone beyond the goal of 10% increase. The report shows the increase was 70%. He also reported that Bladen Evangelism would have a booth at the Agriculture Expo in Clarkton this coming weekend. Tracts, New Testaments and jelly beans will be distributed. On January 17 & 18, 1997 there will be a *"People Sharing Jesus Rally"* in conjunction with the State Baptist Convention at Dublin Baptist Church.

**Place & Preacher:** Rev. Larry Davis - The place will be Center Roads Baptist Church on Tuesday evening and at Friendship Baptist Church for the Wednesday day session. The preacher will be Rev. Bruce Cannon and alternate: Rev. Bob Boone.

**Historian:** Mrs. Ethelene Barnes: See Book of Reports, page 48.

**Resolutions:** Moderator Rutland gave the 1996 Resolution as follows: *"Be it resolved that the delegates of the One Hundred-Fifth Annual Session give thanks to Hickory Grove and Cypress Creek Baptist Church for their kindness and graciousness for hosting the Annual Session."* Rev. Bob Boone also moved that *"it be resolved to show our appreciation to the outgoing Moderator Rutland."*

Moderator Rutland asked for a motion to adopt all the committee reports. Mr. Dewey Davis made the motion to adopt them, seconded by Rev. Larry Davis. The motion carried.

**Miscellaneous Business:** There was none.

**Memorial:** Mrs. Thelma Barnes presented the memorial for the members who had deceased during the 1995-96 associational year. See Book of Reports, page 59.

Rev. Dewey Jackson rendered a solo, *"He Looked Beyond My Faults"*; after which DOM Roberts introduced Dr. Mike Cogdill, Dean of Divinity School, Campbell University, who delivered the evening message entitled, *"The Differ-*

*ence,"* taken from Ephesians 2:1-10. The congregation sang the hymn, *"Let Others See Jesus In You"* in closing and Dr. Mike Thompson led in prayer. The One Hundred-Fifth Annual Session adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
David Rutland, Moderator
Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

## MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATION

**ABBOTTSBURG**--Rev. Dewey Jackson, Mr. Purdie Bullard, Mrs. Letha Bullard, Miss Jane Thompson, Mrs. Jane Walters, Mrs. Gladys Stephens.

**BEARDS CHAPEL**--Rev. Ralph S. Gore, Mr. Lee Roy Smith, Mr. Cornell Smith, Mrs. JoAnn Mote.

**BETHEL**--Rev. Jerry Beck, Mr. Maurice A. Brisson, Mrs. Lannie McKee, Mrs. Betty Ray Brisson, Mrs. Eunice Carroll, Mrs. Margie Walters.

**BLADENBORO, FIRST**--Dr. Russell Cherry, Mrs. Mildred Hester, Mrs. Martilla Freeman, Mrs. Nettie V. Fussell.

**BRIAR BRANCH**--Rev. Steve Butler, Mrs. Katie Smith, Mrs. Ann Cashwell, Mrs. Alice Cross.

**BUTTERS**--Rev. Clyde Coates, Mrs. Mary Spence, Mrs. Billie F. White, Mrs. Helen Pittman, Mrs. Kathleen Wilkins.

**CENTER ROAD**--Rev. Vernon Britt, Mr. Warren Dowless, Mr. Jack W. Franklin, Mrs. Naomi Guyton, Mrs. Faye Pait, Mrs. Allie Singletary, Mrs. Louise Franklin.

**CLARKTON**--Dr. Michael Thompson, Mr. Charles Little, Mrs. Mamie Little, Mr. Steve Little, Mrs. Jeralene Little.

**COUNCIL**--Rev. Tommy Bryan, Mr. Hobson McCulloch, Mrs. Nancy Bryan, Mr. Rodney Squires, Mrs. Eunice Smith.

**CYPRESS CREEK**--Rev. Richard Smith, Mrs. Gladys Johnson, Mr. Keith Johnson.

**DUBLIN**--Rev. Don Coley, Mrs. Louise Butler, Mrs. Barbara Veeder, Mrs. Lucille Andrews.

**ELIZABETHTOWN**--Mr. Raymond Nunnery.

**FAITH**--Rev. Oren Honeycutt, Mr. Charles Rice, Mr. Clayton Tyndall.

**FRIENDSHIP**--Rev. Mark Forrester, Mr. Fred N. Norris, Mrs. Lucy Norris, Mrs. Maragaret Smith.

**GALEED**--Rev. Bruce Cannon, Mrs. Ada K. Bartley, Mrs. Diane Merritt, Mrs. Alice G. Conner, Mr. Bobby R. Lennon, Mr. Richard Bennett, Mr. Eddie Powers.

**GRACE**--Rev. Orborne Gibson, Mrs. Dorothy Butler, Mrs. Billie Gibson.

**HICKORY GROVE**--Rev. James Brooks, Mrs. Pinkie A. Hairr, Mr. Franklin Allen, Mr. Leo Hester, Mrs. Versie Hickman, Mr. Elwood Hairr.

**LISBON**-- Rev. Charles Brust, Mrs. Lillian White, Mrs. Linda Phillips.

**LOVE GROVE**--Rev. Phil Lloyd, Mrs. Berline Monroe, Mrs. Linda Devane.

**NATMOORE**--Rev. David Blackwell, Mrs. Carolyn Buie, Mrs. Cherry Sholar, Mrs. Frances Squires, Mrs. Retha Bigford.

**NEW CENTER**--Rev. George Langley.

**NORTHSIDE**--Dr. Paul Forrester, Mrs. Edie McKnight, Mrs. Janice Porter, Mr. Gregory Johnson, Mr. Ray Porter, Mrs. Barbara Johnson, Mr. Morris Brisson.

**PEACE**--Rev. Buddy Cain

**RICHARDSON**--Dr. Wayne Dewitt Kennedy.
**RIVERSIDE**--Rev. Currie Long, Mr. Joe Evans, Mrs. Joanne Long, Mr. Murray Bordeaux.
**SANDY GROVE**--Rev. Robert Carter, Mr. Rufus Watson, Mrs. Carrie Watson, Mrs. Ruth Carson, Mrs. Nellie Kinlaw.
**SHADY GROVE**--Rev. Robert Gray, Mrs. Othella S. Heflin, Mrs. Girlene Cook, Mrs. Rena Thompson.
**SUGGS GROVE**--Rev. David Rutland, Mrs. Brenda L. Rutland, Mr. Robert Livingston, Mrs. Myrtle Livingston, Mrs. Reba Edge.
**TAR HEEL**--Rev. Darryll Hester, Mr. Joe Abbott, Mrs. Lisa Abbott, Mr. Larry Martin.
**WEST BLADENBORO**--Rev. Aaron Brooks, Mrs. Carol Brooks, Mrs. Phyllis Taylor.
**WHITE LAKE**--Rev. Walter Hayes, Mrs. Peggy Hayes, Mr. Richard Mabe.
**WHITE OAK**--Rev. Larry Davis.
**WHITES CREEK**--Rev. Jim Weihrauch.
**ZION HILL**--Rev. Robert Boone, Mrs. Karen Smith, Mrs. Gladysteen Pait, Mr. Lynn Johnson.

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### (Or Pianist if no Organist)

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**DUBLIN, FIRST**--Mrs. Estelle Summerlin, 910-862-2020
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**GALEED**--Mr. Greg Lennon, 910-863-4595
**GRACE**--Mrs. Patricia McKeithan, 910-648-3692
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**LISBON**--Mrs. Ann Kinlaw, 910-645-9811
**LOVE GROVE**--Mrs. Lucy Monroe, 910-862-2350
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# CONSTITUTION
## OF
## THE BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**ARTICLE I - NAME:** The name of this body is Bladen Baptist Association.

**ARTICLE II - PURPOSE:** It is the Mission of the Association to provide an organization of cooperation for the Missionary Baptist Churches affiliated with it, and to encourage them to faithfulness in every Christian endeavor which we shall undertake together in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP:** The Association shall consist of messengers who are members of the affiliated churches as follows:

(1) Each church of 50 members or less shall be entitled to three messengers, and for each additional 50 members an additional messenger, provided that no church shall have more than five (5) lay messengers active and voting at one time. Each church shall be entitled to an equal number of alternate messengers who shall serve in the absence of the messengers. The messengers who compose the Association must come from churches that believe in practicing New Testament doctrine as interpreted by Baptist through the years.

(2) The Pastors

(3) The elected officers of the Association.

**ARTICLE IV - AFFILIATED CHURCHES:** A Missionary Baptist Church desiring fellowship in the Association may submit a written request for membership at a Fall session, and may be received under the watchcare of the Association for a period of time to the next ensuing Fall Session, and then upon recommendation of the Committee on Membership, such church may be received as a member by two-thirds favorable vote of the duly qualified messengers in attendance at such session.

Any member church in good standing shall be entitled to a letter of dismissal and recommendation to another similar body. Such letter may be from the Association in session or by the Executive Board between sessions.

**ARTICLE V - OFFICERS:**

(1) The officers of the Bladen Baptist Association shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Stewardship Director, Historian and Trustees

(a) Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting by a majority vote. Candidates will be presented by the nominating committee or from the floor. All nominations must be with the prior consent of the nominee. They shall serve for one year beginning at the close of the annual meeting and ending at the close of the next.

(b) A qualified parliamentarian, well versed in Robert's Rules of Order, shall be appointed by the moderator during his term of office.

(c) If the office of Moderator becomes vacant, the vice-moderator shall become moderator for the rest of that term, Other vacancies in associational offices shall be filled by the Executive Committee on recommendation of the Nominating Committee or from the floor, with prior consent of the nominee(s).

(d) A Moderator shall not serve more than two years in succession.

(2) A Division Director shall be elected by the Executive Committee during its April Meeting for Sunday School, Discipleship Training, WMU, Brotherhood, Evangelism, Music, Seminary Extension, Church Media, Missions Development, and other organizations which may be added by the Association. Nominations may be presented by the Nominating Committee or from the floor with the prior consent of the nominee(s).

(a) The Division Director will begin serving in October following election but will be responsible for planning the program and budget for year under his/her direction.

(b) Each Director will select workers for that area and present them to the Nominating Committee for approval prior to the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee will then present the workers to the Association for approval at the Annual Meeting.

**ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE BOARD:** The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the Association, together with a pastor and a layman from each affiliated church. The Executive Board is charged with the duty of executing the plans and decisions of the Association, and the employment and direction of the Associational Director of Missions. A full report of its work shall be presented at each Fall Session, together with plans and recommendations for the promotion and extension of the work of the Association. The Executive Board shall act for the Association between sessions in conformity with the expressed decisions of the body. A vacancy occurring between sessions may be filled for the remainder of the year as set forth in Article V (1) (c) of this constitution.

**ARTICLE VII - TRUSTEES:** Three Trustees shall be elected to single rotating terms of three years. Nominations may come from the Nominating Committee or from the floor with the prior consent of each nominee. The expiration date of each trustee's term of office shall appear by his name in the Associational Annual.

**ARTICLE VIII - ASSOCIATIONAL COUNCIL:** The Associational Council shall consist of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Directors of each division. The staff members of the Associations shall serve in an exofficio capacity.

The Associational Council shall serve in an advisory capacity to assist in planning, promoting, guiding, and calendar planning for the total Associational Program.

It will meet regularly prior to each Executive Board Meeting and Annual Session. It will consider, review, and/or prepare recommendations concerning the Associational Program for action by the Executive Board and/or Association.

**ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES:**

(1) Standing Committees shall be as follows and others may be added as deemed necessary by the Executive Board of Association. They are to be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected at the Annual Meeting:

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|---|---|---|
| Nominations | Constitution | Ordination |
| Membership | The Office Building and Grounds | Leisure Ministry |
| Finance | DOM Relations | Youth |

(2) Associational Committees: The Moderator shall appoint the following committees at the July Executive Board Meeting: (a) Committee on Place and Preacher for the following year, (b) Committee on Resolutions, (c) Committee on Enrollment, (d) Membership Committee, if needed, and (e) any other committees which may be authorized by the Association. These committees shall report during the annual session

**ARTICLE X - PROCEDURE:** The business of the Association shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, unless otherwise provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws.

**ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT:** This Constitution may be amended at any session of the Association by a two-thirds vote, provided: the amendment has been presented in writing at an Executive Board prior to Annual Session, and read to the Association the first day of Annual Session, to be voted on second day.

**ARTICLE XII - ADOPTION:** Upon adoption, this Constitution shall become effective at the close of this session of the Bladen Baptist Association.

# BY-LAWS
## OF
## THE BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**I. MEETINGS:**
The Sessions of the Association shall be held annually on Tuesday evening and Wednesday A.M. and P.M. following the fourth Sunday in October. The Executive Board shall meet on Tuesday following the third Sunday of January, April, and July.

**II. OPENING:**
Meetings of the Association shall be opened with a devotional service and closed with prayer.

**III. ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR:**
The Associational year and reports shall cover October 1st through September 30th. The fiscal year shall be January 1st through December 31st.

**IV. QUORUM:**
Representatives from twelve (12) of the affiliated churches shall constitute a quorum.

**V. ORDER OF BUSINESS:**
An Order of Business shall be adopted at the beginning of each session which shall be changed only by a two-thirds vote of the body.

**VI. ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILES:**
Each affiliated church shall send to the clerk of the Association fourteen (14)

days prior to the Fall Session of the Association, on forms furnished by the Clerk, a full report of the church work for the year ending September 30.

**VII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS:**

1. MODERATOR AND VICE-MODERATOR: The Moderator or Vice Moderator shall preside at all meetings of the Association. They shall be members of the Executive Board, and as opportunity may permit, they shall act as fraternal visitors to the churches throughout the year, representing the fellowship of the entire Association.

2. CLERK: The Clerk shall work with the Associational Staff in keeping an accurate record of the proceedings of the Association or Executive Board, minutes and statistics of the Association as soon as practical after adjournment of the Fall Session. He/she shall mail the necessary forms and letters to the Clerks of the churches affiliated with the Association six weeks before they are due. Copies of the annuals shall be provided for the Officers and affiliated churches as requested by payment. A copy shall be sent to each department of the Baptist State Convention and other institutions and individuals as the Association or Executive Committee may direct.

3. TREASURER: The Treasurer shall work with the Associational Staff to receive all funds of the Association, disburse them according to its order, and present a printed report of the same to the Fall Session of the Association, and additional reports to the Executive Board.

4. STEWARDSHIP DIRECTOR: The Stewardship Director shall be responsible for Stewardship Promotion working with the Director of Missions and subject to the supervision of the Executive Board.

5. HISTORIAN: The Historian shall encourage churches to preserve their historical material, to publish a church history from time to time, and to observe their special anniversaries. He/She should maintain an Associational Historical collection.

**IX. DUTIES OF COMMITTEES:**

1. THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE: The Program Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Director of Missions, Director of Music and Pastors of the host churches. The Vice-Moderator shall be Chairman of this Committee. It shall prepare a printed program for the Annual Meeting and distribute copies to program personnel and pastors at least thirty (30) days in advance. The Committee shall present the program for adoption by the Association and manage any adjustments

2. LEISURE MINISTRY COMMITTEE: This Committee, composed of five (5) members, shall be responsible for planning and carrying on the White Lake Ministry and other leisure ministries as opportunity for such becomes apparent. Reports shall be made to Executive Board and Association at least annually.

3. FINANCE COMMITTEE: This committee shall consist of five members whose duty it shall be ... to supervise the financial program of the Association and to report to the Executive Board regarding the same at each quarterly

meeting. The Finance Committee shall submit to the Executive Board at the July Meeting, a budget for the coming year. The budget will be voted on at the Fall Session of the Association.

4. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: This Committee, composed of 5 members, shall nominate officers, Division Directors and committee members as set forth in Article V and IX of this constitution. It shall also nominate Associational Representatives for Convention Institutions and agencies as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee or Association. Vacancies occurring between annual sessions shall be filled by the Executive Board upon presentation of nominee(s) by this committee.

5. CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE: This committee, composed of three members, shall be available to review and study any proposed changes in the constitution and make recommendations to the Association regarding such changes.

6. ORDINATION COMMITTEE: This committee, composed of five (5) members shall, when requested by a member church, assist in the examination and ordination of candidates for the Gospel ministry.

7. DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS RELATIONS COMMITTEE: This Committee, composed of four (4) members, shall work with the Director of Missions in keeping his job description up to date, abiding by the guidelines adopted for the relationship, reviewing compensation and time arrangements, arranging for mutual evaluation sessions, handling criticisms of the Director of Missions and hearing his complaints, helping with staff difficulties, and dealing with any problems that may arise.

8. COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS: This committee, composed of three (3) members, shall study proposed resolutions and make its report in the final session of the annual meeting.

9. COMMITTEE OF PLACE AND PREACHER: This committee, composed of three (3) members, shall seek out and recommend meeting places for annual sessions. It shall also recommend preachers and alternates for the Fall Sessions.

10. COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT: This committee shall be composed of five members. It shall work with the office staff to prepare for and direct the enrollment of messengers at each of the annual sessions.

## X. DUTIES OF DIVISION DIRECTORS

1. It shall be the responsibility of each Division Director to coordinate and assist the work of each committee or program group in that particular division.
2. The Division Director shall make periodic progress reports to the Executive Board and shall prepare and submit a written annual report, for the Book of Reports, not later than the last scheduled meeting of the Executive Board prior to the Annual Session.
3. The Division Director shall serve on the Associational Council to help plan and coordinate the total Associational Ministry.
4. The Division Director shall prepare and submit a budget request for his/her division to the Finance Committee by July 1, prior to budget year planned.

## XI. TRUSTEES

1. Three Trustees shall hold legal title to all properties of the Association, and shall sign the necessary instruments in connection with the office as directed by the Association. (now article 10 of the By-Laws)

## XII. PARLIAMENTARIAN

The parliamentarian shall be appointed by the moderator and shall be well versed in Robert's Rules of Order. He shall have a none voting status in all Executive Board Meetings and annual sessions of the Association.

## XIII. DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

1. The Director of Missions shall be elected upon the recommendation of a duly elected search committee. Nominees for the Search Committee shall be presented by the Nominating Committee to the Executive Board who shall be responsible for electing the same. The Search Committee shall then search out and recommend a qualified candidate to the Executive Board for Election. The term of office for the Director of Mission shall be until terminated by mutual consent or at the official request of either party.
2. The Director of Missions shall have general oversight of the work of the Association, cooperating with all elected officers of the Association and member churches. The Director shall be an exofficio member of all committees, councils and organizations of the Association. His duties shall be carried out in accordance with agreed job description.
3. When a vacancy occurs and during the interim period, *the Associational Council shall seek out and recommend an interim Director of Missions to the Executive Board.*
4. Any matter relating to the Director of Missions which is not covered in this Constitution or covenant agreed upon by the Association and the Director of Missions shall be referred to the DOM Relations Committee who in turn will make recommendations to the Executive Board if and when necessary.

## XIV. REVENUE

1. The Bladen Baptist Association shall be supported through contributions from the affiliated churches and individual gifts. Gifts other than undesignated monetary, shall be accepted at the discretion of the Finance Committee.

## XV. SALARIES OF OFFICERS

1. Salaries of the Director of Missions of the Association, as well as any other officer, shall be such amount as may be provided for in the Annual Budget and approved by the Association in its Fall Session. (Article 22 of By-Laws)

## XVI. MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The Minutes of all sessions of the Association shall be examined, approved, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before being printed. (Article 31 of By-Laws)

## XVII. AUDITOR

1. The Auditor shall examine the financial books and record of the Association and submit a detailed report covering his audit at such time as may be required by the Executive Board of the Association.

**XVIII. VISITORS**

1. Visitors are welcome to attend any business session of the Bladen Baptist Association, but with deliberation or voting privileges. Vistors may speak at the discretion of the moderator.

**XIX. AMENDMENTS**

1. These By-Law may be amended at any annual session of the Association by a two-thirds vote, provided the proposed amendment(s) have been presented in writing during the first session. The vote shall then be taken the following day at a time on the program designated by the moderator.

**XX. EFFECTIVE DATE**

1. These By-Laws or any additions or amendments thereto shall become effective immediately upon passage.

# ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

## 1996-1997
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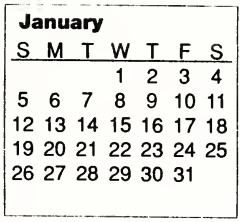
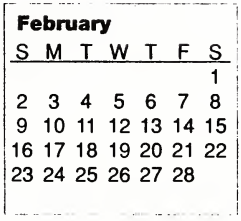



## JANUARY

1 New Years Day - Office closed
6-7 Pastor/Spouse Retreat - *Caraway*
9-10 Vocational Evangelists Conf. - *Caraway*
**11 Assoc. GA Mission Adv. Work Day**
**13 Assoc. Brotherhood Leaders - Dowless Restaurant**
14 Seminary Extension Begins
**17-18 Evangelism Rally - Dublin, First**
**21 Pastors/Spouse Conf. Shady Grove - 10:00 A.M.**
**21 Executive Committee - Resource Center - 7:30 A.M.**
**24-25 Praise Fest - Zion Hill Church**
24-25 WMU (state) Executive Bd. - *Cary*
**25 Assoc. GA - Mother/Daughter Day Camp**
25 Summer Student Minister Application Deadline
26 Baptist Men's Day
31-1 NC Baptist Men Conv. - *Greensboro*

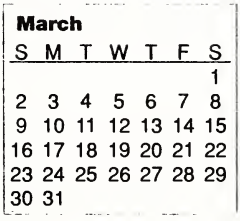
## FEBRUARY

2-8 Wk. of Prayer and Spec. Offering - Baptist Retirement H
1 Baptists Men Conv. Continues - *Greensboro*
1 Deadline Ch. application for Youth Corps
2 BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE SUNDAY
3 Partners in Evangelism - *Greensboro*
3-4 State Evangelism Conf.
9 Race Relations Sunday
**9-15 WMU Focus week**
16 Christian Education Day
**18 Pastor/Spouse conf. - 10:00 A.M.**
**22 Assoc. GA Mission Adv. Workshop**
21-22 Interview for Summer Mission Workers
23 Volunteers in Missions Day
24-27 Youth Minister Continuing Ed. Retreat
**28 VBS Regional Clinic for Assoc. Workers**




## MARCH

**1 Assoc. GA Walkathon for Annie Armstrong**
2-9 Wk. of Prayer for Home Missions - Annie Armstrong Offering
9 Home Missions Day in Sunday School
11 New Ministers' Orientation - *Cary*
**15 Assoc. GA Missions Adv. Workshop**
**18 Pastors/Spouse Conference - 10:00 A.M.**
**18 Assoc. GA Parent Banquet**
21-22 *"Right Choices"* Youth Leadership Training
21-22 WMU Missions Extrav. - *Ridgecrest*
21-22 Challengers Convention
23 *"Start a Church"* Commitment
24-26 Introduction of *"Revised Materlife"* SE Seminary
**29 Associational GA Spring Kickoff**
**30 EASTER**
**31 Easter Holiday - Office Closed**



**APRIL**

**4** **Assoc. Deacon/Spouse Retreat, Dublin, First, 6:30 p.m.**
**5** **Associational Youth Rally**
4-5 BSU Spring Confer. - *Caraway*
**5** **Assoc. GA Camp**
6 Clock changes to Daylight Savings Time
9 State Bible Drill Reg. due
7-9 Coastal Adult Senior Retreat - *Caswell*
11 Church Orientation - Witness - *Caraway*
11-12 Assist Training Institute
11-13 Spring Fling I, *Caswell*
12 Lad Crusaders Congresses
14-15 NC Bapt. Minister's Golf Retreat - *Caswell*
14-16 Coastal Sr. Adult Retreat, *Caswell*
18 State Youth Bible Drills
18-19 Disaster Releif Expo
18-20 Spring Fling II, *Caswell*
19 State Children's Bible Drills
**20** **Cooperative Program Day**
**22** **Bladen Pastor/Spouse Conf. 10:00 a.m.**
**23** **Bladen Executive Bd., 7:30 p.m.**
24 Small Church - SS Revival Consultant Tr. (State)
25-27 Spring Fling III, *Caswell*
25-27 Single Adult Retreat, *Caswell*
25-27 State Media Library Workshop, *Caraway*
27 Life Commitment Sunday
**29** **VBS Clinic - Bladenboro First**
28-30 Coastal Sr. Adult Retreat, *Caswell*

**April**

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**MAY**

**2-3** **Eastern NC Evangelism Workshop**
4 Senior Adult Day
**5-6** **Key Leadership Conf., *Caswell***
4-10 Christian Home Week
4-11 Week of Prayer & Special Offering - Baptist Hospital
12-13 Key Leadership, *Ridgecrest*
12-14 Coastal Adult Retreat, *Caswell*
12-14 Senior Adult Conference, *Caraway*
**13** **Assoc. Mission Project Begins**
16-18 Spring Fling IV, *Caswell*
17 State Crusader/Challenger Track Meet
18 Baptist Radio & Television Sunday
**19-25** **Associational Missions Week**
19-21 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, *Caswell*
**20** **Bladen Pastor/Spouse Conference - 10:00 a.m.**
20-21 NC Bapt. General Board
23-25 Couples Spring Break, *Caswell*
26-28 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, *Caswell*
30-31 WMU Assoc. Leadership Team Tr., *Mundo Vista*

**May**

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## JUNE

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| 1-5 | Student Summer Ministry Orientation, *Meredith* |
| **7** | **Associational GA Father/Daughter Daycamp** |
| 8 | Christian High Adventure Begins |
| 8-13 | Five day Academy for Spiritual Growth, *Caraway* |
| 9-12 | Spring Youth Evangelism Conf., *Caswell* |
| 13-14 | Single Adult Evangelism Conf., *Caswell* |
| **14** | **Associational GA Mission Adventure Workshop** |
| 14-20 | Church Music Leadership Conf., *Ridgecrest* |
| 15 | WMU Annual Meeting, *Dallas, Texas* |
| 15-16 | SBC Pastors Conference, *Dallas, Texas* |
| 15-20 | Church Music Leadership Conf., *Ridgecrest* |
| 16-20 | Mundo Vista Summer Camp for Girls begins |
| 16-20 | RA Summer Camp begins, *Camp Caraway* |
| 16-21 | Youth Evangelism Conf. I, *Caswell* |
| 23-28 | Youth Conference I, *Caswell* |
| 28-July 4 | WMU Week, *Ridgecrest* |
| 30-July 2 | RA Father/Son Minicamp, *Caraway* |
| 30-July 4 | Week of Christian Study, Mars Hill |
| 30-July 5 | Youth Conference II, *Caswell* |

**June**

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## JULY

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| 4 | Independence Day - Office Closed |
| 7-11 | Family Fund and Focus Week, *Caswell* |
| 7-12 | Youth Evangelism Week II, *Caswell* |
| 11-12 | WMU Associational Leadership Tr., *Caraway* |
| 14-18 | Family Fund and Focus Week II, *Caswell* |
| **18-19** | **Assoc. GA Mother/Daughter Camp** |
| 21-26 | World Missions Week, *Caswell* |
| **22** | **Bladen Executive Bd., 7:30 p.m., Resource Center** |
| 24-25 | Super Summer '97, Carowinds |
| 25-27 | Bi-Vocational Ministers Conf., *Caraway* |
| 28-Aug. 1 | Children's Choir Camp, *Wingate* |
| 28-Aug. 2 | Youth Conference III, *Caswell* |

**July**

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## AUGUST

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| 3 | Day of Prayer for World Peace |
| 4-9 | Youth Conf. IV, *Caswell* |
| 8-9 | Church Brotherhood Leadership, *Caraway* |
| **9** | **Assoc. GA, Kick out Old Yr., Bring in New** |
| 10 | Language Missions Day |
| 11-13 | Happiness Retreat I, *Caraway* |
| 13-15 | Happiness Retreat II, *Caswell* |
| 15-16 | Lay Witness Conference, *Caraway* |
| 18-22 | Senior Adult Conference by the Sea, *Caswell* |
| **19** | **Bladen Pastor/Spouse Conf., 10:00 a.m.** |
| 22-23 | Assoc. Discipleship Supporters Update, *Caraway* |
| 22-23 | WMU Assoc. Leadership Training, *Caswell* |
| 25-26 | Volunteers Chaplains Conference, *Caraway* |
| 27-30 | Begin Budget Preparation Now |

**August**

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## SEPTEMBER

**1** **Labor Day - Office Closed**
8-10 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, *Caswell*
9 New Minister Orientation, *Cary*
12-13 Caraway I, SS Leadership Training Retreat
14-21 Wk. of Prayer and Spec. Offering, State Missions
15-17 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, *Caswell*
19-20 Caraway II, SS Leadership Conference
19-20 Lad/Crusader Camporee, *Caraway*
19-21 Coastal Fall Youth Retreat, *Caswell*
22-24 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, *Caswell*
**23** **Bladen Pastor/Spouse Retreat, 10:00 a.m.**
26-28 Baptist Student Convention, *Ridgecrest*
29-30 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, *Caswell*
30-Oct. 1 (State) General Board

**September**

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## OCTOBER

**Cooperative Program Month**
2-4 Experiencing God Conf. Brookwood Church, Burlington
3-4 Music Leadership Training Retreat, *Caraway*
6-7 Senior Adult Choir Festival
6-8 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, *Caswell*
10-12 RA Challengers Training
12 World Hunger Day
13-15 Senior Adult Conference, *Caraway*
13-15 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, *Caswell*
17-18 Literacy Missions Retreat, *Caraway*
17-18 Deacon/Spouse Leadership Conference, *Caswell*
17-19 Coastal Fall Youth Retreat, *Caswell*
19 Bi-Vocational Ministries Sunday
20-22 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, *Caswell*
20-23 Pastors - SS Directors Dialogue Tour
24-25 WMU Specialized Workers Training
24-26 Coastal Fall Youth Retreat, *Caswell*
**26** **Change your Clock**
27-29 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, *Caswell*
**28** **Bladen Pastor/Spouse Supper**
**28-29** **Annual Meeting, Bladen Baptist Association**
29-31 Coastal Golf Retreat, *Caswell*
31-Nov. 1 Substance Abuse Conference

**October**

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## NOVEMBER

1 Regional Media Library Workshops
2-8 Royal Ambassador Week in the Churches
3-4 Youth & Childrens Bible Drill Leaders' and Judges Tr.
3-5 NC/Southern Baptist Secretary's Assoc., *Ridgecrest*
**10-12** **Baptist State Convention, Winston-Salem**
14-16 Fall Youth Evangelism Conf., *Caswell*
16-19 Foreign Mission Study
16-23 Wk. of Prayer/Spec. Offering for Baptist Childrens Homes

**November**

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**NOVEMBER**

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| **18** | **Bladen Baptist Pastor/Spouse Conference, 10:00 a.m.** |
| **27-28** | **Thanksgiving Holidays - Office Closed** |
| 30-Dec. 7 | Week of Prayer and Special Offering for Foreign Missions |

**DECEMBER**

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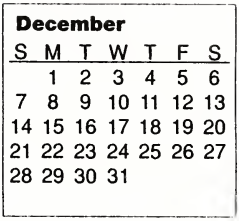
| 3-5 | Senior Adult Christmas by the Sea, *Caswell* |
| | **Pastor/Spouse Christmas Dinner** |
| 8-10 | Senior Adult Christmas by the Sea, *Caswell* |
| 10-12 | Senior Adult Christmas by the Sea, *Caswell* |
| 24-Jan. 2 | Christiams Holidays and Vacation - Office Closed |
| 26 | Challengers Overseas Mission Trip |
| 31-Jan. 1 | New Years Eve Exciting Alternative, *Caswell* |



# EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT
## January 23, 1996

The Executive Board met at the Bladen Baptist Center on January 23, 1996 at 7:30 P.M. with Rev. David Rutland, Moderator presiding. Rev. Aaron Brooks led the group in singing a medley in song. Rev. Paul Forrester led in prayer. This was followed by a devotion from the 56th chapter of Isaiah by Moderator Rutland.

The roll of churches was called. Thirty-three members were present representing sixteen churches.

Report from organizations and committees were as follows:

Sunday School: Rev. Mike Thompson reported a State Bible School clinic at Lumberton First Baptist Church on March 5th and the Bladen Baptist clinic on March 9th at White Lake Church.

Discipleship Training: Mrs. Etta Mae Smith reported M. Night at Bethel a big success with 124 attending - representing 11 churches. Highlight of the meeting was the Bethel Church Youth Choir. She stated they did an outstanding job. The children's Bible drill will be at Bethel Baptist Church on March 31.

Brotherhood: Mr. Ewin Davis reported a new RA Director to be Mr. Jimmy Cain. The Brotherhood Council met on January 22, 1996 at Dowless Restaurant with thirty-eight present. Their project of building another house for a needy family was discussed at length at this meeting. It was agreed that we should build a house in 1996. He made such a recommendation from the Brotherhood Council: Motion was made by Rev. Walter Hayes and seconded by Mr. Jimmy Cain to adopt their recommendation. The motion was approved. Mr. Davis also reported that the Brotherhood is exploring the possibility of starting a used furniture thrift store. This was discussed but no action was taken at this time.

Woman's Missionary Union: Mrs. Elizabeth Bryan reported that they would be meeting at Tory Hole Park on March 16 for fellowship and prayer. They would be meeting on April 16 with Mrs. Barbara Joiner.

Annuity: Rev. Donald Coley reported annuity in good hands with 5% increase in benefits. He urged each church present to be sure your Pastor was covered.

Mission Development: Rev. Roberts reported in the absence of Rev. Bruce Cannon. He reported they were in good shape, working hard and had met one time this year and will have another meeting soon. The N.C. Baptist Men's Medical Dental Van will be coming to Bladen on May 3 and 4. It will be in the Tar Heel area on May 3 and on May 4 at Briar Branch church. Volunteers are needed, two doctors and two dentist. They also need volunteers to assist with the patients and Spanish speaking as interpreters.

Evangelism: Rev. Walter Hayes reported that White Lake Church would be presenting the drama, *"I Dreamed I Searched Heaven for You"* at their church and also at the Prison Camp in March. He also reported an Evangelist Team was needed for the prison and the lake services. In June or July a concert will be given at Goldston's Beach.

Stewardship: Rev. Mack Roberts reporting for Mr. David Clark Financial statement.

Youth: Rev. Roberts reporting for Mr. Eddie Powers. The youth ages 18-21 are asked to get involved in prison ministry. Some attended the Abortion meeting held at the Bladen County Courthouse on January 21. Mr. Powers met with the Bladen County Commissioners requesting the week of March 17-23 be proclaimed as *"Christian Heritage Week."* This resolution was adopted by the Commissioners.

Director of Missions Report: Rev. Mack Roberts stated the annuals are at the printers. They would be ready by February 16. He would get them to each church. He praised the Committee Chairman for their reports. He announced he had been chosen and would attend the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention of Missions in Birmingham, Alabama on February 22-25. The Vacation Bible School Director has resigned. The nominating Committee recommended Rev. Kincy Barrows for this vacancy. Motion was made by Rev. Donald Coley and seconded by Mr. Ewin Davis to accept this recommendation. The motion carried.

New Business: Question was asked by Rev. Richard Smith how the family would be selected for the house that was to be built for a needy family. Rev. Mack Roberts stated applications would be sent to each church to be completed by the family or families most deserving. A committee of Brotherhood members would select the family for the applications that were received. The house would be built the week of July 4. Rev. Walter Hayes asked if the Mission Director had enough money for the convention in Alabama, and Rev. Roberts stated he thought there was enough money in the budget for this expense.

This concluded the business meeting. Motion was made and seconded that we adjourn. The meeting was adjourned with prayer led by Rev. Donald Coley.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. David Rutland, Moderator
Mrs. Pinkie Allen-Hairr, Assistant Clerk

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
### APRIL 23, 1996

The Executive Board met at the Bladen Baptist Associational Center on April 23, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. with Moderator David Rutland presiding.

Reverend Aaron Brooks led in the singing of the hymn, *"People Need the Lord"*, followed by devotion and prayer by Reverend Mike Parnell, which was taken from Philippians 2:12-13.

The roll of churches was called. Thirty-two members were present representing nineteen churches.

The minutes of the last meeting had been mailed to each executive member and Moderator Rutland called for any corrections to the minutes. One correction was that the date of the March 9, 1996 for the Vacation Bible School Clinic to be held at White Lake Baptist Church was to be held on April 9, 1996 instead of March 9, 1996. Minutes were approved.

Reports from organizations and committees were as follows:

Sunday School: Reverend Mike Thompson reported the Vacation Bible School Clinic would be held at White Lake Baptist Church on May 14, 1996.

Discipleship Training: Mrs. Etta Mae Smith reported that the Associational Children's Bible Drill was held at Zion Hill Baptist Church on March 31, 1996. Jennifer Brisson was the only one who participated and she did an excellent job. She will be in the State Drill on April 27, 1996 at Synder Memorial Baptist Church in Fayetteville at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Smith encouraged churches to have at least one leader and if possible some children attending to spark enthusiasm for next year.

Brotherhood: Mr. Ewin Davis reported the Brotherhood Building Project had required most of their time. He reported several of the work sheets had been turned in for the workers who would help and encouraged the ones who had not returned their sheets to please do so as soon as possible in order to plan ahead for the project. He also reported that they had received some of the funding from the churches and encouraged those churches who had not done so to plan to send their contributions in soon. Reverend Rutland asked the question as to when the helpers would be needed and Mr. Davis replied that the beginning date would be the 18th of June for the building process because the foundations will already be completed. Galeed will be responsible for the completion of the foundations. The dedication is scheduled for July 6, 1996. Both houses will be built at the same time. The Bladen Baptist's house will be started June 18th and Faith Builders on June 20, 1996. Mr. Elwood Cain reported also on the accomplishments of the Brotherhood Project and made request of the materials needed to complete the house in Bladenboro. He read a list of the building materials needed and Reverend Mark Forrester requested that each Pastor get a copy of the list.

D.O.M. Roberts reported three or four churches had responded by sending their contributions as well as some individuals and the amount is around $3,200.00. He also reported that Dan McLaurin, a correspondent from the Bladen Journal had prepared a story to be in the Bladen Journal on the couple in Bladenboro who are the recipients of the handicapped house.

Music: No report

Women's Missionary Union: Mrs. Elizabeth Bryan reported the Annual Meeting was held at Dublin First Baptist Church on April 16, 1996 with 86 attending, including some acteen girls. She also reported the making of 105 bears for the Medical Van to be presented to the Spanish Speaking Children.

Media Library: No report

Annuity: Reverend Don Coley encouraged all churches to keep a check on their Pastor's annuity and if any church did not have an annuity plan that he would get the information available and go to speak to the church concerning this matter if needed.

Mission Development: Reverend Mike Parnell reported for Reverend Bruce Cannon, who was in revival that week. The Medical Van will be at Tar Heel on May 3, 1996 and Briar Branch on May 4, 1996. He reminded us that this is a unique opportunity for the Association to administer *"to the least of these"*. He ask for support as we try to minister to the needs of the migrants. He encouraged prayer as we minister to those who may not have been reached for Christ.

Leisure Ministry: Reverend Walter Hayes reported services to be started on Sunday, May 4, 1996 at White Lake. Also June 15th and the 16th an evangelistic

group from the State Baptist Convention will be coming. All the churches will be getting a letter requesting assistance to provide a meal for all the inmates and inviting the public to come. There will be a concert at the prison camp on Saturday. On Sunday Afternoon the concert will be at Goldston's Beach and on Monday night they will be at Galeed Church. He encouraged attendance at either of the places for a spiritual blessing.

Rev. Hayes also reported on the continental breakfast for the Hospice tournament. The response was great and food ran out. Religious tracts were also distributed.

Stewardship: Mr. David Clark reported a copy of the financial statement had been mailed to each member. He asked for questions to the report. No questions. Mr. Clark made the motion that the finance committee be granted permission to open a special account for the building project and was second by Rev. Walter Hayes. The motion was carried. The second motion that Mr. Clark made was for the portion of the mission offering that is returned to the Association in the amount of $1,296.75 to be used for the Building Project. The motion was seconded by Reverend Walter Hayes. Motion was approved to put the money in the special account set up for the building project. There was no opposition to the motion.

Evangelism: Rev. Bob Boone reported that the Evangelism Committee was able to provide Counselors at the leisure ministry at the prison camp at White Lake. He reported there were four decisions made for Christ and they were able to provide tracts for the ministry. Rev. Boone said he recently had the opportunity to get classes on Mormonism and would be sharing some of this information with the pastors and would be available to go to the churches to share this knowledge.

Youth: Rev. Eddie Powers reported on the Youth Rally that was held on March 29, 1996 at Northside with 10 churches in attendance and 83 present. He also reported one child was saved that night. *"His Kids Ministry"* did a tremendous job that night.

Director of Missions: D.O.M. Roberts gave thanks and praise to all the committees for their works. He also urged the churches to pray for Briar Branch Church, who has a Hispanic Ministry, and they are at a point that they need assistance. He also expressed a deep appreciation to the churches that responded to the North Korean Famine Efforts. There were 24 boxes sent from the Bladen Baptist Association He also thanked everyone for the participation with the Health Kits to be handed out at the Dental Medical Van and would have the Gospel of John in Spanish to present to patients. He also gave praise for the doctors, nurses, and other volunteers who is giving of their time to this ministry. Roberts also reported on getting a letter from the Lumberton Department of Corrections, Roger Thompson, Clinic Chaplain requesting help with their religious programs.

They need the following items: suits, ties, shirts trousers, and volunteers to come to the prison on Tuesday nights to work from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. There would be three days and nights of training required. They would like religious reading materials and for volunteers to come to present religious programs on Saturday or Sunday nights.

D.O.M. Roberts also urged the churches to go by the Bladen Baptist Association Center to pick up their Associational minutes for 1995.

Rev. Bob Boone thanked D.O.M. Roberts for all his leadership given to the association.

Rev. Mark Forrester remarked on his opportunity to have a part in installing the air condition unit at the Wilderness Camp and remarked this could be an opportunity for ministry in this area and urged prayer for this ministry.

No Unfinished Business.

New Business: Moderator Rutland reported the nominating committee has submitted the following Associational officers, and these officers will be attending the Key Leadership Conference on May 6-7, 1996 at Fort Caswell. Associational Clerk, Mrs. Virginia W. Gause; Association Youth, Rev. Eddie Powers; Brotherhood Director, Mr. Ewin Davis; Mission Volunteers, Mrs. Eliza Davis; Deacon Consultant, Rev. Donald Coley; Discipleship Director; Mrs. Etta Smith; Evangelism Chairperson, Rev. Bob Boone; Media Library Services, Mrs. Ann Smith; Missions Development Director, Rev. Bruce Cannon; Moderator, Rev. Mike Parnell; Music Director, Rev. Darryll Hester; Resort & Leisure Volunteer Director, Rev. Walter Hayes; Seminary Extension, Rev. Larry Davis; Sunday School Assistant Director, Rev. Mike Thompson; WMU Director, Mrs. Elizabeth Bryan. Motion was made by Rev. Jerry Beck that the above list be accepted as nominated. Second by David Clark. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Rev. Donald Coley to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. David Rutland, Moderator
Virginia W. Gause, Associational Clerk

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
### JULY 23, 1996

The Executive Board met at the Bladen Baptist Association Center on 7-23-96 at 7:30 P.M. with Moderator David Rutland presiding. Reverend Aaron Brooks led in singing a medley of songs, *"Amazing Grace"*, *"Grace That Is Greater"* and *"He Lives."* Moderator Rutland led in devotion and then called upon Rev. James Brooks for prayer.

The roll call of churches indicated there were 27 present representing 18 churches.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

Sunday School: No report.

Discipleship Training:
Mrs. Etta Mae Smith reported that a kick off for Bible Drills will be sometime in October. The M Night is set for 11-25-96. Further plans will be announced at a later date.

Brotherhood: Mr. Ewin Davis reported the R. A. Department has been active this year under the leadership of Mr. Jimmy Cain. He also reported the building projects

had been completed and both houses had been dedicated and the keys had been turned over to the two families. There is about $800.00 debt on the house the Bladen Baptist Association built. He praised the churches for their great response as well as the individuals who had contributed.

Music: DOM Roberts reported for Rev. Darryll Hester. There will be two music Leadership Retreats coming up at the Caraway Conference Center. The first one will be on September 6-7th and the second one will be held on October 4-5th.

There will be seminars for Choir Directors, Children's Choir Workers, Organists and Pianists. There will be some good training and a lot of free material. The cost of the retreat will be around $43.00. This includes materials, meals and lodging.

The Bladen Baptist Music Budget has allowed for scholarships for those churches whose budgets might not be able to send their directors.

WMU: Mrs. Elizabeth Bryan reported the Association Workshop would be September 24, 1996 at 7 o'clock at Sandy Grove Baptist Church.

Media Library: No report.

Annuity: No report.

Mission Development: Rev. Bruce Cannon reported on the wonderful work that is happening with the Hispanic Ministry.

Rev. Cannon read the recommendation from the Association Missions Development Council that our association elect a Hispanic Ministry Committee for the purpose of investigating and making recommendations regarding opportunities for the Hispanic Ministry in the Bladen Baptist Association in conjunction with the present work being done by the Briar Branch Baptist Church. He also recommended that this committee, though elected for the next year, be also elected for the remainder of the current year and be given the authority to begin their work immediately.

Discussion followed and the Rev. Steve Butler reported that Briar Branch Baptist Church started the Hispanic Ministry on 11-6-95. There were three Hispanic Ministers and churches that helped get this ministry started and they were from Fayetteville, Clinton and Kenansville. Rev. Lorenzo Torez, Kenansville, is coming every Saturday to preach at the Hispanic Mission. There have been 23 Hispanics saved since November 6, 1995. Most of the Hispanic people are picked up by Rev. Butler and Ms. Ann Cashwell every Saturday night to attend the services. Rev. Butler recommends the association get involved in this ministry. He recommended a committee be elected to study the situation and bring the results back at a later date. Rev. Lorenzo gave a testimony on what God is doing in the ministry.

After some further discussion motion was made, second that the above recommendation be adopted. The motion carried.

DOM Relations Committee: A recommendation was made by Rev. Cannon, chairman of the committee as follows: Because the work load for the secretarial position far exceeds the twenty hours per week allocated in the association budget,

and because of certain unexpected or anticipated needs arising, the Director of Missions has to be out of the office at various times during the days in which the office is scheduled to be open and Because the Secretary does not get any paid vacation or pay for the hours worked beyond the allotted twenty hours per week. The DOM Relations Committee made the following recommendation: That the secretary be instructed to keep records of overtime worked and that she be paid at the present hourly rate or be allowed to use this time for vacation. If for vacation the hours are used, these funds would be used to pay someone to work in her absence. We further recommend that a cap be placed upon the hours that can be accumulated of twelve hours per week (which would reflect the twenty currently being paid plus the additional twelve recommended for a total of the above requested thirty-two hours.)

A motion was made and seconded that this recommendation be adopted. Motion passed.

Finance Committee: Mr. David Clark, treasurer, reported all committee members had been mailed a copy of the current financial statement and the budget for 1997. The motion was made and carried that budget be approved as reported.

Nominating Committee: DOM Roberts, in the absence of Rev. Darryll Hester, Chairman of the Nominating Committee passed out the Nominating Committee Report of Officers, Program Leaders and Committees for the year 1996-1997. A motion was made, seconded and approved as listed on the report.

DOM Report: DOM Roberts gave praise for all the work that is going on in the association. He stated there would be an article in the Bladen Journal on the family in Bladenboro, who received the house the association built. He reported Galeed had been involved in the emphasis of *"People Sharing Jesus."* There is going to be a Launch Rally in the regions and we would attend the one at Grace Baptist Church on August 29, 1996 from 1 o'clock to 4 o'clock p.m. This is to equip pastors and individuals to conduct the *"People Sharing Jesus"* relational evangelism training such as Worship Services, Sunday and Wednesday night group studies, Special Seminars and Retreats.

DOM Roberts mentioned that if any pastor was interested in ordering for the Winter Bible Study to let him know because of the material could be purchased with 40% discount if ordered before 11-1-96.

DOM Roberts announced the annual meeting would be on October 29, 1996 at Hickory Grove and October 30, 1996 at Cypress Creek.

DOM Roberts urged the churches to let the association office know how many book of minutes they would like to order and to send in $6.00 per copy at the time the order is placed. He indicated the office would order the number of minutes based on the number that had been requested from the churches, if there was no objection to this method of determining how many to order. There was no objection.

The announcement of Rev. Robert Gray being the new pastor at Shady Grove Baptist Church was made, effective sometime in August, 1996

No New Business

Moderator Rutland appointed the following Committees to serve in conjunction with the 1996 Annual Session:

Preacher and Place Committee for 1997: Rev. Larry Davis, Rev. Aaron Brooks, Rev. Robert Carter

Resolutions: Rev. Walter Hayes, Rev. Ray Bledsole, Mrs. Thelma Barnes

Enrollment Committee: Mrs. Eliza Davis, Mrs. Pinkie Haire, Mrs. Catherine Johnson, (to be appointed later from Cypress Creek Baptist Church)

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Robert Carter.

Respectively submitted,
Rev. David Rutland, Moderator
Mrs. Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

## CALLED EXECUTIVE MEETING
### SEPTEMBER 17, 1996

The Special called Executive Board Meeting was held at the Bladen Baptist Center at 7:30 P.M. with Moderator David Rutland presiding. Dr. Mike Thompson led in the devotion.

The roll call of the churches revealed 26 members present with 17 churches represented.

The purpose of this meeting was to hear the recommendations from the Bladen Baptist Hispanic Ministry Committee. Moderator Rutland recognized Rev. Steve Butler, Chairman.

Rev. Butler made the following recommendations from the Hispanic Committee:

1. That the Bladen Baptist Association jointly sponsor with our sister church, Briar Branch, A Southern Baptist Hispanic Mission. The Mission will presently continue to meet in the fellowship hall of the Briar Branch Church and candidates for membership will be received as members of the Briar Branch church until such time as the mission is constituted into a church.

2. Secondly that the Association recommend to the Mission that they call Mr. Lorenzo Torrez as pastor effective January 1, 1997. We further recommend that the Bladen Baptist Associaton financially support this mission by providing housing expense not to exceed $6,000.00 per year or $500.00 per month for the budget year of 1997. This support shall be reviewed annually.

Rev. Butler asked for donations from any church would like to give above the amount that is budgeted to the Bladen Baptist Association for the salary of the pastor. Mr. Torrez will be ordained by the Briar Branch Church.

The Hispanic group will be full fledged members of the Briar Branch Church and will be under the watch care of that church until such time as the mission will be constituted into a church.

There was much discussion regarding the financial part of the recommendation. DOM Roberts responded by saying that the only way we will be able to continue the support after this year would depend upon the gifts from the churches. He indicated there was sufficient money in the bank to absorb the $6,000.00 for one year, but would be unable to continue without an increase in budget receipts. He

also indicated that the Home Mission Board's allocation for Hispanic Mission Ministry was exhausted in May, 1996. DOM Roberts stated we hope to receive funds from the State Baptist Convention next year. DOM Roberts responded to the question raised regarding churches giving above the line item in the budget for Hispanic Ministry by saying if the money is designated for the Hispanic ministry it would be spent for that ministry.

Moderator Rutland called for a vote on the recommendations brought by the Hispanic Committee. Both recommendations were approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. David Clark, Chairman of the Finance Committee recommended that the budget for 1997 be amended to include the $6,000.00. Rev. Walter Hayes second the motion. The recommendation made by Mr. Clark was approved by a unanimous vote.

Moderator Rutland adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Rev. Bruce Cannon led in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia W. Gause, Clerk
David Rutland, Moderator

## DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT

1995-96 has been a good year for missions involvement for Bladen Baptist Association. Our churches have generously responded to numerous opportunities for learning about and participating in missions both at home and around the world fulfilling the Biblical Mandate to be witnesses in *"Jerusalem, Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the world."*

The World Mission Conference last October got us off to a good start for the new year and was a great success. Both the participating missionaries and the churches reported it to be one of the best of their WMC experiences. It was a reminder of our need for continued financial and prayer support for the more than 8000 missionaries at home and abroad.

There is no doubt that one of the mission highlights of the year was *"the house that love and faith built."* The response from our churches, individuals and businesses throughout the county was overwhelming. The project was spearheaded by the Baptist Men of our association and supported by the WMU, was paid for upon completion. Your faithfulness in labor, prayer and giving made it happen. Thanks.

Other mission actions that took place during the year are recorded in the Brotherhood and WMU Reports. Thanks to our Lord and to you Bladen Baptists, most of the goals adopted by the association last year have been achieved.

1996-97 promises to be another year of progress in all areas of ministries for our association. One of our priorities is the establishment of the new Hispanic mission which is scheduled to begin on January 1, 1997 with a bi-vocational pastor.

Our emphasis for next year is *"Start Something New"*. Every church is encouraged to experience growth through starting something new in your church. Either the church council or the deacons, along with the pastor could begin by sitting down together and praying about this possibility. Then provide leadership for the congregation and *"start something new"* during the new church year.

Please continue praying for all ministries in the Bladen Baptist Association and seek to be personally involved.

# BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MINISTRY GOALS FOR 1996

## EVANGELISM:

1. 10% increase in baptisms based on resident church membership.
   The Evangelism Committee will make an effort to provide guidance and motivation in reaching this goal through various seminars and conferences.
   **ACHIEVED IN 1996: 70% INCREASE**

## MISSIONS:

1. Begin Migrant Ministry in the following way:
   Schedule the North Carolina Baptist Men's Mobile Medical/Dental Unit for two days in Bladen County. This will show our interest in ministering to the Hispanics in our area, also will provide for exploring further ministry needs.
   **ACHIEVED AND HISPANIC MISSION WAS BEGUN.**
2. Assist Faith Builders, Inc. in building another house for a needy and deserving family. It is the goal of our Botherhood Ministry to contribute more to next years project, and the following year undertake such a ministry through our Association.
   **OVER ACHIEVED: ASSISTED FAITH BUILDERS AND BUILD HOUSE ON OUR OWN, TO GOD BE THE GLORY.**
3. Provide financial assistance for Alex Goncharov through individual church and personal contributions. Alex is from Ukraine, the former Soviet Union, and is now a student at Campbell University. Alex is preparing himself to teach and pastor in his home city of Kiev.
   **ACHIEVED AND WILL CONTINUE FOR 1996-97**
4. Mission Giving Goals:
   Associational Missions: $67,000.00
   **ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPTS $65,061**
   Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for 1995: $44,000.00
   **TOTAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM INCREASED**
   Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for 1996: $28,000.00
   **BY $18,629**
   It is the goal of our WMU and Brotherhood to make our churches more aware of mission opportunities at home and abroad.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL:

1. 20% increase in enrollment. **ACHIEVED LESS THAN 1/2% INCREASE**
   Assist team members are available to work with the individual church schools. In addition Key Leadership Conferences will be conducted. Each church is urged to adopt this goal.

## YOUTH:

1. Promote *"True Love Waits"* Emphasis
2. Provide quarterly meetings for Associational Youth Workers
3. Evangelistic Concert

## MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT:

Our Missions Development Committee will be organized for the following year and hopes to explore several opportunities for Missions Involvement including the following:

1. Enter into dialogue with black churches to discuss how we may work together for a greater Christian Influence in Bladen County.
2. Group Homes ministry
3. Ministry for battered women and children
4. **Ministry presence at various festivals and expos across the county.**
5. **Work with other Associational Divisions and Committees to begin and continue an effective Migrant Ministry.**

**FOUR AND FIVE ABOVE ARE BEING ACHIEVED. ALSO THE MISSION DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL WAS INVOLVED IN MUCH OF THE ACHIEVEMENT LISTED ABOVE. ESPECIALLY THE HISPANIC MISSION.**

**THE GOAL FOR MISSION DEVELOPMENT IS TO CONTINUE EXPLORING MISSION OPPORTUNITIES IN BLADEN ASSOCIATION.**

**GOALS FOR 1997:**

**WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON THE ABOVE GOALS WITH EMPHASIS IN THE AREAS WHERE WE UNDERACHIEVED.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Mack Roberts, Director of Missions

## LETTER FROM ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

August 13, 1996

We have been blessed to see many exciting things this year in our association. The Medical/Dental Van came to our area in May and through that we are able to reach out to the Hispanic Community. We did not just try to meet their physical needs, but we also attempted to share Jesus with them as they came. Many Bladen Baptists were involved in this ministry and all were blessed!

Since our last Annual Meeting a church, Briar Branch Baptist Church, has started worship services for the Hispanics. Attendance, though the Hispanics have had to come and go somewhat because of the seasonal nature of their work, has been good. Twenty-three Hispanics as of the writing of this letter have come to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord through these workship services. Plans are in the making to call a Spanish-speaking pastor to shepherd this flock. The Associational Missions Development Council has been very proud to help with these two endeavors among others this year.

We are also seeking to have a network of Missions Development persons--one from each church--to have input into the Associational Council. We believe this Council can really involve the local churches in working together in greater ways than ever before to reach our Jerusalem for Jesus. Please pray and believe with us that the year of 1996-1997 will be a year of great things for the Lord as we labor together to accomplish His will for Bladen County.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Bruce E. Cannon, Chairman
Associational Missions Development Council

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School is one of the key ingredients required for a church to impact its community. As the Bible teaching and outreach arm of the church, this program shapes the entire program of the church. It has been siad, *"As the Sunday School goes, so goes the church."* Therefore, it is important that the Sunday School be as effective as possible in its tasks.

In an effort to assist local churches with their Sunday Schools, the Baptist Sunday School Board began the Concept of ASSISTeams. The purpose of these teams is to provide local help for the churches as needed. Your ASSISTeam is trained and capable of helping your Sunday School be the best it can be. We are available to do Associational programs, programs in your church for the leaders of one or more age levels, or individual consultation with groups or individuals within your church with specific needs. All that is needed to use the resources provided by the team is to contact the Associational Sunday School Director or the Associational Office to make an appointment. We look forward to serving you in any capacity you need.

Mike Thompson
ASSISTeam Leader, Associational Sunday School Director

## DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

Our main emphasis this year in Associational Discipleship Training has been children's Bible Drill. We had three children from Zion Hill church participating on the church level. They were Jennifer Brisson, Tina Stanley, and Kelly Pait. Jennifer was a winner on associational level and then went on to state level where she was a winner again.

It is now time to begin work with your children for the 1997 drills if you have not already done so. If you need any assistance, please call me or Doris Brisson. It is our desire to have several of our churches begin Bible Drill this year.

"M" night was hosted by Bethel Baptist Church on November 27, 1995 with 124 in attendance representing 11 churches. Music was presented by the Young Adult Choir of Bethel Church and a skit was given by *"God's Kids"*, a puppet team from Tar Heel Baptist Church. The highlight of the evening was an inspirational message by the Rev. Jonathan Taylor of Roxboro, formerly of Dublin, N.C.

Thank you for your support during the past year. I look forward to working with you in the coming year and ask that you remember Discipleship Training in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Etta Smith, Associational Discipleship Supporter

## WMU 1995-96 WATCHWORD

*"I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them: I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do: I will not forsake them." Isaiah 42:16 (NIV)*

THEME: **RISK THE JOURNEY**

Highlights of the WMU and ministries in the association this year include:

- Kick off Celebration for season of Foreign Missions was held at Zion Hill, November 14th with a salad supper. There was 46 in attendance.
- A Celebration Experience was held on March 16th at Tory Hole Park.
- The Acteens marched for Annie Armstrong, 42 participated.
- GA's went Christmas Caroling.
- North Korean Hunger project in which 24 boxes were sent from the Bladen Baptist Churches. Both the Brotherhood and WMU participated.
- April 16th was the date for the Annual Meeting, held at Dublin First Baptist. Guest Speaker was Barbara Joiner, from Columbiana, Alabama. She's a delightful speaker and author. 86 were in attendance.
- A special *"Thank You!"* for the church WMU ladies for their help with the Comfort Bears and preparing and serving lunch for the Brotherhood and Faith Builders.
- The Associational Key Leadership conference was held at Sandy Grove on September 24th. The attendance was very good.
- Working churches started: one Women On Missions group: a Missions Friends group: and a GA group.

**Please continue to support the Thrift Shop with your donations and time!**

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Bryan, Associational WMU Director

## BROTHERHOOD REPORT

The Brotherhood year began by evaluating our past years experience with Faith Builders, Inc. of Winston-Salem and looking at local mission opportunities. We formed and circulated a list of ways to help the elderly and/or handicapped in our local churches. Surveys were made by some of the churches to determine needs defined as handy man repairs.

Our house-building project began in January with a Brotherhood Council meeting followed by a Baptist Men and pastors meeting at Dowless Restaurant for further discussion of the project. A motion was made that we build a house with or without the assistance of Faith Builders, Inc. The motion passed unanimously and submitted to the Associational Executive Committee where it was enthusiastically received and approved. We proceeded with detail plans, selected a recipient, secured the lot and prepared the foundation etc. Building Started the 18th of June, The *"House of Love"* was dedicated on July 6, 1996 and turned over to the Darrell Conner Family of Bladenboro.

Much in the way of supplies, equipment, labor and cash were donated by individuals, churches and businesses. Many thanks to our WMU, who make a special cash contribution through the thrift store our Baptist men, our churches, and everyone who contributed, including our associational office and staff.

A call came to our association for North Korean famine relief. We participated in this project by sending 24 boxes of food, approximately 70 lbs. each and $400.00 for shipping. Brother Jimmy Cain delivered the boxes to Wilmington for shipment.

Our special thanks to Mr. Jimmy Cain who served as our Associational R.A. Director. He reported that 26 boys and counselors attended a mountain camping

trip in June. The trip was filled with the excitement of white water rafting, healthy Christian fellowship and Bible study.

A special thanks also to Mr. John Clark and all others who provided excellent leadership for the Bladen Baptist R.A. Basketball League. There was excellent participation.

Respectfully submitted,
Ewin Davis, Director

## ASSOCIATIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY

*Why do associational youth ministry?* To enhance fellowship, provide ideas & resources, cooperative programming & mission endeavors, and allow youth and youth leaders from different churches to bond for a greater Christian impact in school and community life. Yes, Associational Youth Ministry is needed and not only for the youth in the churches, but for those outside the churches. This is why your Bladen Baptist Association saw fit to not only start a Youth Council for the Association but support it in its endeavors.

As a Youth Council for Bladen Baptist Association we are trying very hard to accomplish the above statement. By doing this we feel we are not only ministering for Bladen Baptist but to Bladen Baptist. Join us as Christ directs this new ministry, started in 1994, for youth in the Bladen Baptist Association.

This year we have, incorporation with the other ministries of BBA, try to offer training and assistance to youth workers, share ideas for ministry opportunities and offer associational events to stir the hearts of youth. For the first time ever in North Carolina and Bladen County, **Christian Heritage Week,** March 17-23, was held to help encourage the students to seek and find their true Christian heritage. A special night was held at the Historic Society Building in Bladenboro on the 20th with special speaker *Catherine Millard*. She also spoke in all three high schools during the week. Christ was lifted and seeds planted. All this was done incorporation with other churches and our board of education of Bladen County. **Youth Night** was held this year March 29, at Northside Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. There were ten churches represented and 82 in attendance. The theme for the night was **"It is Time"**, Eccl 3:7b and **"His Kids Ministry"** shared Christ that night in a very unique and powerful way. One child was saved and many left with a powerful challenge on their heart. September 10 a Key Leadership Conference is planned to share with youth workers across our association tips, ideas and resources to help them in the ministry of youth.

We would like to thank all the churches for their help and participation with all that has been planned and will be planned. Special thanks to Angie Rogers, Crystal Dowd, and Darrin Harrellson.

In His Service,
Rev. Eddie Powers, Chairman of BBA Youth Council

## MUSIC REPORT

During this past year we had the opportunity to work on two events. One being the regional Evangelism Conference held in October of 1995. Tar Heel was the host of this event and a choir composed of several churches in our association provided

the music for the worship service portion of that meeting. Then that same month during the annual session, a pre-session concert was presented by Tar Heel Baptist and the handbell choir of Dublin First Baptist. Also the Associational Choir provided music during the worship time.

Attendance was low for our Key Leadership Conference that was held last month at White Lake First Baptist. This was due to the hurricane recovery that was going on. Let me urge each of the churches to take advantage of the leadership conferences that are available through the music budget of the association. Just contact me to apply. I have a calendar of conferences if you would like to have one.

If has been a pleasure serving as your director this year. Contact me with any concerns you have involving your music program at your church.

Respectively Submitted,
J. Darryll Hester
Bladen Baptist Association

## SEMINARY EXTENSION REPORT

Rev. Carroll Fonvielle who was chairman of our Seminary Extension Committee left our association in mid-year. Unfortunately, we were unable to schedule any classes during 1995-96, however plans are underway to provide at least one Seminary Extension Class beginning in Janury of 1997. Rev. Larry Davis is our new chairman for 1996-97 and we look forward to his able leadership.

## EVANGELISM

It has been stated that more than 45% of our state's 7 million residents are unchurched. It will take a cooperative effort if we are to reach the lost in North Carolina with the Gospel by the end of 2000 AD. There are enough Christians in this state to accomplish this task if we will work together. However, it has been estimated that only 3%-5% of Southern Baptist regularly share their faith with others. The Bladen Baptist Assocition's Evangelism Team will lead in this effort. Can we count on you to help?

Meanwhile, a very productive regional evangelism conference was held on October 3, 1995, at Tar Heel Baptist Church.

Our evangelism team joined with the association's pastors'/spouses' conference to host a very enlightening session which was led by a representative of the Baptist State Convention of NC. The session entitled, *"Developing A Strategy For Evangelism In The Local Church"* was held on January 23, 1996.

We furnished counselors and literature for a drama entitled, *"I Dreamed I Searched Heaven For You"* which was held at the White Lake Prison Facility on March 16, 1996. Four professions of faith and several recommitments were recorded.

A seminar on Mormonism was presented for pastors on May 21, 1996 at Zion Hill Baptist Church by Rev. Bob Boone who is certified by the Home Mission Board in Interfaith Witness. A like seminar can be held in any church upon request by the pastor.

Members of the evangelism team attended a *"People Sharing Jesus"* rally at

Grace Baptist Church in Fayetteville on August 29, 1996. You will be hearing more about *"PEOPLE SHARING JESUS"* in the new church year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Bob Boone, Chairman
Associational Evangelism Committee

## MEDIA/LIBRARY

Your Media/Library volunteers were not called upon during the course of this past year. I was able to attend the Key-leadership Conference at Caswell last May which was very helpful. In addition, we provided a Key-leadership Conference in our association.

If we can be of assistance to you and your church please do not hesitate to call upon us. It is our desire to assist any church desiring to establish or re-activate a media/library center for the use and benefit of its church members.

Mrs. Ann Smith, Diector
Carol Strickland
Vickie Taylor

## LEISURE/REPORT MINISTRY REPORT

Ministering in leisure/resort settings requires the services of many volunteers. I will not name the individucals who have helped this year because they are too many to number. God has richly blessed the many volunteers who have worked so hard to make 1996 the year that said, *"we care about you"*. From helping with breakfast for golfers at the Bryan Gooden Golf Tournament, to all the counsellors who helped with the drama *"I Searched Heaven For You"* at the White Lake Prison Camp. Then there were the many who came to White Lake to preach or teach in the Sunday morning services. Each was faithful to teach about the mighty power of God who knows no strangers; telling people that Jesus Christ can take care of all their problems; giving hope of a better tomorrow. Thank you for all that you do to make the Kingdom of God grow.

Thank You,
Walter Hayes

# WHITE LAKE LEISURE MINISTRY
## Summer of 1996

| *Campsites* | *Number of Services* | *Attendance* | *Average Attendance* | *Offerings* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Harolds | 17 | 366 | 22 | $ 136.68 |
| Lake Side | 17 | 155 | 9 | 116.13 |
| Langston | 16 | 476 | 30 | 536.42 |
| Marshburn | 18 | 453 | 25 | 676.91 |
| Park Shore | 16 | 809 | 50 | .00 |
| Tar Heel | 9 | 69 | 8 | 59.01 |
| TOTALS | 93 | 2328 | 25 | $1,525.15 |

*A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE WORKERS. A GOOD JOB.*

*KEITH DOWD, STEVE MANCOS AND MARK FORRESTER DONATED THEIR MILEAGE TO THE MINISTRY THIS YEAR.*

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EXPENDITURES:

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| Equipment | $ 634.93 |
| Expense for Sacred Drama, Inc. | 310.00 |
| Expense for Witness Group | 164.69 |
| Expense for Hospice Tournament | 86.97 |
| Mileage for 2 Workers | 325.00 |
| TOTAL | $1,521.59 |

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|---|---|
| September 8, 1995, Bank Balance | $1,766.88 |
| Offerings | 1,525.15 |
| Total Cash to date | $3,292.03 |
| Less Above Listed Expenditures | 1,521.59 |
| October 2, 1996 Balance | $ 1,770.44 |

Balance on CD at Wachovia ..... $ 5,585.09

Respectfully submitted
Joyce H. Thomas, Treasurer

# LETTER FROM DOM-RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The DOM Relations Committee is very grateful for the caliber of people God allowed us to have as our Director of Missions and Secretary. Our committee has a very easy task because the Roberts' are very committed to our Association. We recognize their tireless efforts in helping our Churches realize the vision God has for each one, and we thank them!

Our committee has seen the need for some time to increase the number of hours for the secretarial position. Mrs. Roberts has been working many hours over the

twenty hours we allotted her when we called her to this position. At our last Executive Committee meeting in July, the DOM Relations Committee in conjunction with the Finance Committee, presented a motion to increase the hours for the secretarial position up to thirty-two per week. All present at the Executive Committee meeting voted in favor of this motion we are certain because they knew of the many hours worked by Mrs. Roberts without pay.

It is our prayer that God will continue to use this couple to lead us on in achieving greater things in Bladen Baptist Association, and that we, the thirty-four churches involved, will recommit ourselves to winning our world for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Bruce E. Cannon, Chairman
DOM Relations Committee

## STEWARDSHIP

*"Moreover, it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful" (I Corinthians 4:2).* God requires that His Children be faithful stewards over all that has been entrusted to them. This includes surrendering gifts, time, and talents to The Lord for His Glory and for the edification of His Church.

Pastors and church leaders are urged to emphasize without apology, what God's Word has to say about financial giving. This may be a sensitive subject and many people consider personal finances as *"nobody's business but my own."* The truth is however that it is God's business and all His children are promised to be blessed more abundantly when following His instructions concerning giving.

Please take a close look at your associational stewardship. It is suggested that you consider giving at least 5% of your budget receipts for associational missions. Many of our churches have done extremely well in this area and it is sincerely appreciated by your associational leadership.

Your church may wish to plan a stewardship emphasis during the coming year. If the associational staff may be of help to you please do not hesitate to call.

Your Stewardship Representative is
David Edge

## 1996 ANNUITY BOARD REPORT TO ASSOCIATIONS

Three boards of the Southern Baptist Convention focus on God's message. One, the Annuity Board, focuses on God's messengers. Our ministry is *Serving Those Who Serve the Lord.* We accomplish this through Retirement, Relief and Insurance programs.

For Retirement, participants and their churches or agency employers make contributions throughout their careers. The Annuity Board invests the accumulations according to participant goals and risk tolerances. Then, at retirement, each participant chooses from a variety of benefit options. In 1995, the Annuity Board paid nearly $200 million in benefits, and at December 31, there were 26,483 on the retirement benefit roles.

In that same year, Relief benefits totaled $1.29 million, with another $962,250 paid through the Board's Adopt An Annuitant Program.

Insurance benefits paid in 1995 totaled $101.1 million.

Many retired ministers and widows of ministers do not have adequate financial resources to meet their needs. The Annuity Board cares deeply about these people. The Adopt An Annuitant Program helps many. By *"adoption,"* more than 2,000 annuitants with inadequate benefits receive an additional $50 per month. Others receive special assistance through our Relief ministry, funded primarily by Cooperative Program dollars.

While Relief will always be a vital part of the Annuity Board's work, we are committed to promoting proper planning and preparation for retirement and protection from disasters. To that end, the Annuity Board offers a wide-range of products and services for Southern Baptist churches, associations, institutions, state conventions and their personnel.

The Church Annuity Plan is the retirement plan designed for paid pastors, other ministers and eligible employees. It is administered by the Annuity Board in partnership with state conventions.

The Personal Security Program and Employer Security Program offer a variety of insurance plans. They include term life, personal accident, disability and a choice of medical plans.

No Cooperative Program money is used for Annuity Board operating expenses.

**Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Statistics As of June 1996:**
Number of active participants in the Church Annuity Plan: **3,750**
Percentage of churches active in the Church Annuity Plan: **58%**
Number of persons receiving retirement benefits: **2,557**
Number helped by the Adopt An Annuitant and Relief ministries: **294**

Are your church and assoication benefiting from the Annuity Board's ministry? For personal assistance, call us toll-free at **1-800-262-0511.** We want to serve you.

**Annuity Board of the**
**Southern Baptist Convention**
**P.O. Box 2190**
**Dallas, Texas 75221-2190**

**Rev. Don Coley**
**Representative**

## HISTORIAN

Following are the historical events listed in the Annual Church Profiles:

**BEARDS CHAPEL:** March 17, 1996 - *"Special Dedication Service"* for renovations; 1995-96, New Stained Glass Windows were installed.
**BRIAR BRANCH:** Started Hispanic Ministry in November of 1995. In September of '96 the church and Bladen Baptist Association voted to co-sponsor a Hispanic Mission.
**CYPRESS CREEK:** Extensive Church Renovation followed by a dedication service.
**FRIENDSHIP:** Paved driveway and parking lot.

**LISBON:** Extensive remodeling to both the parsonage and the church sanctuary.
**NATMOORE:** Mortgage on mobile home (parsonage) paid off.
**PEACE:** A new sanctuary was begun and is now almost completed.
**WHITES CREEK:** New brick sidewalks and a handicap entrance was added. Also new stained glass windows.
**ZION HILL:** Installed new sound system in the sanctuary.

We continue to feature two churches per year on the front and back covers of The Book of Reports. This year Bladenboro, First and White Lake are recognized. Please continue to help us by sending any history updates regarding your church to me or the Bladen Baptist Resource Center.

Respectively Submitted,
Mrs. Ethelene Barnes, Historian

## BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA - 1996

*Evelyn Alexander, Chairman of the Board*

Primed for excitement after three hours waiting under a bright summer sky, hundreds of spectators craned their necks and peered toward downtown Asheville June 26 when Michael Owen jogged into view - carrying the Olympic Torch on outstretched arm. Michael, one of 1,422 children Baptist Children's Homes served in 1995-96, lives at Broyhill Home in Clyde, one of 12 facilities BCH operates in North Carolina.

Smiling and waving to the crowds holding aloft tiny flags and cameras, Michael lifted the symbol of international unity and pointed to friends among those who lined the parade route.

The entire Broyhill Home campus showed up, cheering wildly. They ate picnics at the end of Michael's route, and swarmed him when he passed the flame to the next carrier - a bicycle rider.

It could have been a family reunion, or a school scene, or a re-creation for a movie on family support. But Michael, and most of his supporters, are children who have suffered unspeakable abuses at the hands of adults they trusted to care for them.

And the adults who waded into that mob scene of joy at the end of Michael's run are called of God to help young people like Michael and those who surrounded him deal with those issues, and to overcome them.

*As a boy, Michael* was so ashamed of his clothes he ran home from school, never stopping to make friends. Worse, he endured almost nightly beatings from his father. He was 11 years old before he realized other boys weren't beaten every night. Four years later he found the courage to tell his father he was leaving.

*"Go ahead, call someone,"* he yelled. *"Leave."*

Michael left. After six months in emergency care at Mills Home in Thomasville, he established a more permanent residence at Broyhill Home. Slowly, quietly his emotions mounted within him until one night he erupted and spilled forth his story, the years of secrets and lies, to his child are worker, Betty Porter. *"She stayed up with me and we talked a long time,"* Michael said. That was his first lesson in trust and unconditional love.

*"Broyhill has changed my life so much,"* Michael said. *"For almost a year I didn't trust anybody, but finally I felt a calmness I know was the Lord. Here I found the Lord and now I try to live every day for Him."*

Michael's story is repeated hundreds of times each year at Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. Not all are as dramatic as a boy who grew from a punching bag to a torch bearer.

But at four residential campuses, six emergency care cottages, two homes for behaviorally troubled girls, a maternity home, a home for teenage mothers and their babies, therapeutic camping and model day care, more than 1,400 children and their families find help in a troubled time.

*During the past year* BCH recieved almost $1.5 million through the Cooperative Program, and $663,00 through the Thanksgiving Offering. Total church gifts of almost $3 million comprised 26.2 percent of BCH operating revenue.

BCH is in the midst of a $10.1 *"Light Their Way"* Campaign to raise money for operations, capital needs and endowment. At the halfway point in June, more than $5.4 million had been committed to BCH through the campaign.

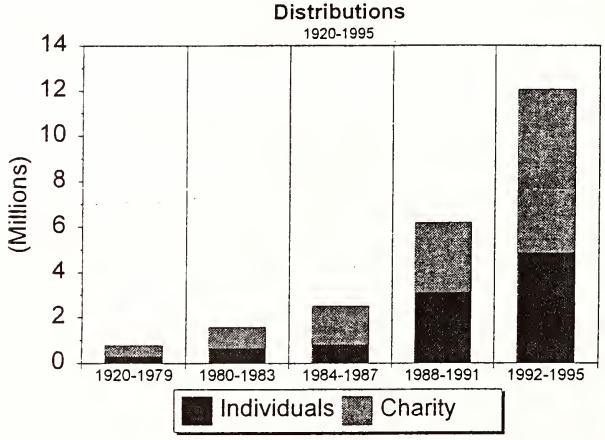
Videos of the children's presentation at the 1995 State Baptist Convention are available by calling the communications office at (800) 476-3669. You can also ask for the latest videos to tell you about your ministry to children and families through Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina.

Although Michael carries many fond memories of Baptist Children's Homes with him as he heads for college this Fall, his earliest amazements were the secure sleep he got when he laid his head down, and of receiving his first pair of Nikes so he didn't have to be embarrassed by his appearance.

From head to toe BCH cares for children and families. Thank you for helping to Light Their Way.

Michael C. Blackwell
*President since 1983*

## NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC. 1995 ANNUAL REPORT




The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in

generating endowment to enhance their permanent financial support. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased individual collective financial support. The Baptist Foundation is committed to assisting individual church members through creative stewardship methods to provide permanent financial undergirding of these ministries.

As of December 31, 1995, the Foundation held $55,608,452 under management. In 1995, $3,144,471 was distributed to Baptist work and $1,125,383 was distributed to indivduals for a total distribution of $4,269,854.

The income distributions for the entire 76 year history of the N.C. Baptist Foundation totals: $9,673,682 income paid to individuals and $13,458,579 to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $23,132,261.

W. Jesse Spencer, Chairman of the Board
Edwin S. Coates, Executive Director

# NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITALS, INC. REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATION

## HOSPITAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1996

### DIVISION OF PASTORAL CARE

During this year the 18 to 40 Chaplains present at various times at the Hospital made over 55,000 pastoral contacts.

As of July 1, 1996, the counseling centers will be called CareNet, Inc., of The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc. Over 26,000 hours of counseling were provided through the eleven centers across the state of North Carolina. Two additional centers will open in the fall of this year.

The Center for Congregational Health has, since inception in 1992, provided ministry at some level to over 225 North Carolina Baptist Churches.

Mission dollars from the Cooperative Program enabled the above ministries to be carried out and to touch thousands of lives.

### BAPTIST BENEVOLENT CARE FUND

North Carolina Baptists joined us in a mutual mission through the Mother's Day Offering. We channeled every penny of the MDO, which amounted to $461,647, to help patients who had no health-care insurance and no financial means to pay their hospital bills. We are grateful to everyone who made this ministry possible.

### POINTS OF EMPHASIS AND PROGRESS

***Financial Stewardship*** - The Medical Center is constantly seeking ways to lighten the financial burden of those who are ill. Recently the room rates were reduced by $50 per day.

***Aegis*** - This is an alliance of primary-care clinicians who serve patients regardless of their medical plans or HMO/PPO affiliated. *"Aegis"* means protection or sponsorship: Aegis Family Health Centers is a network of primary care physicians affiliated with The Medical Center. It now has 33 providers in 10 practice sites.

***QualChoice of North Carolina*** - QualChoice is The Medical Center's managed care company. Eighteen months old, it serves approximately 30,500 enrollees, giving quality health-care and patient/physician choice.

***Regional Integrated Information Network*** - RIDS is a regional computer network now in the pilot phases. The network allows providers in the region to exchange patient information electronically, saving time and money. RIDS is a plan which assists communities in our service area to develop a coordinated continuum of care. In this plan, primary care physicians, community hospitals, nursing homes and other patient care providers link their services with those of The Medical Center. The desired outcome is improved patient care and cost-effective services.

***The J. Paul Sticht Center on Aging*** - The Center devotes itself to the special problems of older adults. When the center moves to its new home in 1996, its services will not only provide specialized health care but will also include a day care program for the elderly that will serve as a link between hospital and home, helping to reduce rates of rehospitalization and premature placement in nursing homes.

**A CLOSING WORD**

Since its founding in 1922, the Hospital has taken pride in our ministry of service. In doing so, we seek to make tomorrow's patient care and tomorrow's workplace constantly better. That has been our mission historically, and it continues to this day, I firmly believe that our best lies yet ahead, and I am committed to that reality.

Respectfully submitted,
Len B. Preslar, Jr., President
The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated

## BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

The continuing goal of Baptist Retirement Homes is to provide more and better services for Older Adults. During 1996 several developments have moved us toward this goal.

*Some new staff members have been added to help provide the kind of total care which residents need and deserve. Tanja Keay has been employed as Vice President of the Health Services Division. Paulette Richmond came as the new manager of the Hamilton Baptist Home. Carla Hyde was named director of the small group program for residents with dementia, a program designed to enhance their quality of life. Patricia Fling is the director of the In Home Care program which began a few months ago. Dr. Earl Watts, an Associate Professor at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, is serving as the medical director for In Home Care.*

*Early in the year, renovation of the Hamilton Baptist Home was completed providing a more attractive and comfortable place for residents in the facility. The new Cecil and Gertrue Young Solarium at the Rickman Nursing Center in Asheville will provide space for the small group program for residents with dementia. At Brookridge, renovated space in the Assisted Living section, and named "Stokes Court", will house the new Assisted Independent Living Unit. A new passenger van will facilitate transportation for residents at the Taylor House in Albemarle as they attend church, keep appointments, go shopping, or participate in social/recreational events.*

*During the year, Baptist Retirement Homes has provided assistance in the planning for Cliffwood, a new continuing for Cliffwood, a new continuing care retirement community being built in Fayetteville. Two Fayetteville churches, First Baptist and Snyder Memorial Baptist, have formed a non-profit corporation to lead this project. A 27 acre site has been selected. Plans call for 105 Independent Living units, 20 beds in Assisted Living, and 20 beds in a nursing care unit. All units will be available on a rental basis with no entrance fees.*

*The James M. Hayes Society has been formed to recognize and thank those persons who remember the Baptist Retirement Homes in their estate planning. Thirty-three charter members constitute this group named in honor of the "Homes" founding superintendent.*

*Finally, we recognize with deep gratitude those North Carolina Baptists who gave through their churches to support the ministry during the past year. Through the cooperative program, the special February Offering, and other church gifts, the "Homes" received a total of $1,030,052 during the 12 month period ending September 30, 1995.*

The trustees and staff are grateful to North Carolina Baptists for helping us to make life for Older Adults . . .**The Best of Times!**

William B. Stillerman, President
Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc.

## THE BIBLICAL RECORDER REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATION - 1996

The headlines each day--Bosnia, Belfast, Saudi Arabia, taxes, school funding, presidential elections, etc.--often include Southern Baptists. The secular media show special interest in our conflicts but all too often do not tell the whole story of the good things Baptists are doing.

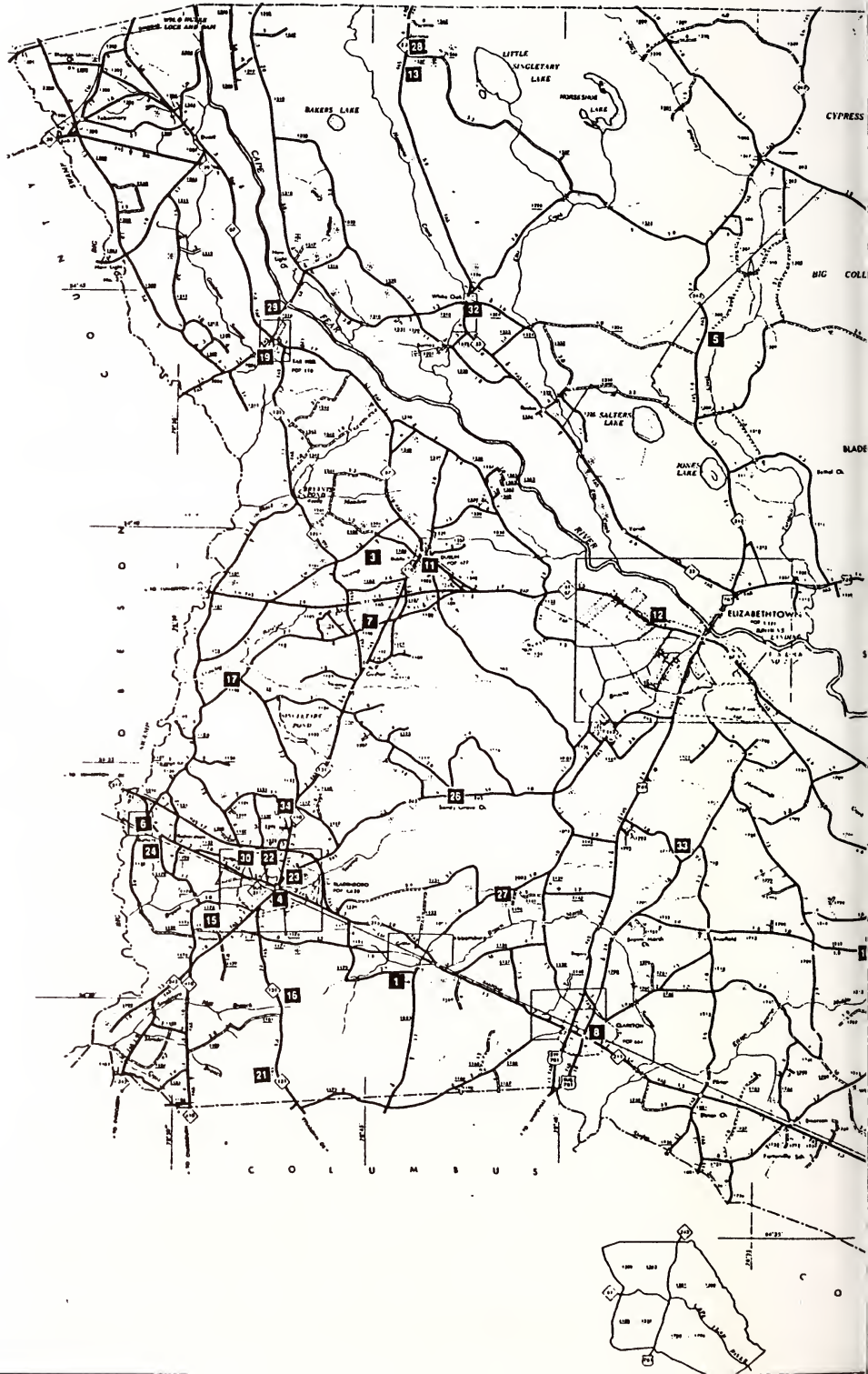
The Biblical Recorder attempts to tell the whole story--the many positive things people are doing in their churches along with the negative issues which cannot be concealed and ignored if we honor our heritage from yesterday and fulfill our mission for tomorrow.

There is no way to address these issues without correct and reliable information. The Biblical Recorder was born and continues to serve for that purpose. In the 163 years of state Baptist papers in North Carolina, never was the Recorder more needed than now for people to have the truth. We live in an electronic media age where many think they have the answers to the issues but they do not because they do not read, only look and listen!

An informed Baptist is a better Baptist; an uninformed Baptist may be an uninvolved or disruptive Baptist. No democracy, including our local churches, can survive long without an informed, involved constituency which makes decisions based upon accurate information from reliable sources.

The Biblical Recorder should be in every Baptist home in North Carolina. Your support as a subscriber and reader, coupled with your encouragement to others, will enable the paper to better serve the constituency with accurate and helpful information.

In order to save churches large amounts of money and to increase the readership of the Recorder, Church News Service (CNS) was launched in 1990. This system


BAKERS LAKE
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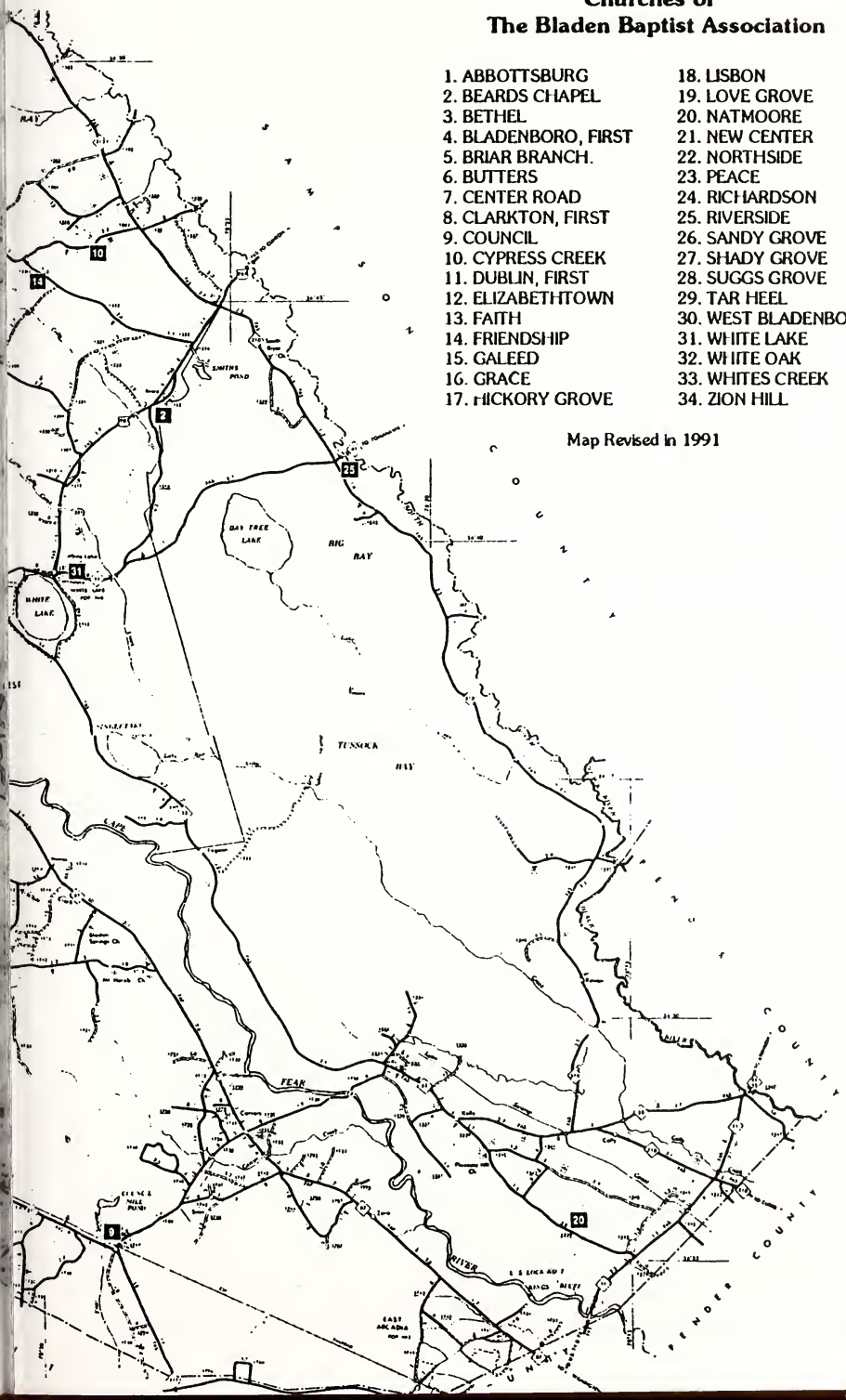
HORSESHOE LAKE
CYPRESS
BIG COLL
SALTERS LAKE
BLADE
ELIZABETHTOWN
COLUMBUS

## Churches of
## The Bladen Baptist Association

1. ABBOTTSBURG
2. BEARDS CHAPEL
3. BETHEL
4. BLADENBORO, FIRST
5. BRIAR BRANCH.
6. BUTTERS
7. CENTER ROAD
8. CLARKTON, FIRST
9. COUNCIL
10. CYPRESS CREEK
11. DUBLIN, FIRST
12. ELIZABETHTOWN
13. FAITH
14. FRIENDSHIP
15. GALEED
16. GRACE
17. HICKORY GROVE
18. LISBON
19. LOVE GROVE
20. NATMOORE
21. NEW CENTER
22. NORTHSIDE
23. PEACE
24. RICHARDSON
25. RIVERSIDE
26. SANDY GROVE
27. SHADY GROVE
28. SUGGS GROVE
29. TAR HEEL
30. WEST BLADENBORO
31. WHITE LAKE
32. WHITE OAK
33. WHITES CREEK
34. ZION HILL

Map Revised in 1991



lets any congregation have their church news incorporated into the Biblical Recorder which saves staff time, postage and printing costs. Usually, for less than what it costs to produce the church newsletter, CNS gives the entire Baptist communication package to each family in the congregation. Recent and anticipated increases in mailing costs make CNS a greater value in 1996-97 than when it was started in 1990.

The paper focuses more and more attention on North Carolina Baptists with news, features and inspirational articles which will encourage individuals and churches in their witness and ministry. One sure way to conquer problems and overcome the barriers to effective witness and ministry is to have the facts, know the issues and be adequately informed.

That is why the Recorder was born; that is why it serves today. For more information on how your church can subscribe or use CNS, contact:

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Raleigh, NC 27609

# CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC. ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS - 1996

In a recent survey released by the Family Research Council, 66% of those polled said that our country was headed down *"the wrong track"*. When asked whether the nation's wrong direction could be attributed to the lack of jobs and economic health or a decline in moral values and family breakdown, over 60% indicated the latter. We at the Christian Action League agree that our state and nation need a restoration of biblical, moral and family values. In 1996 we were honored to assist communities in their battles for civic and moral righteousness and to promote laws in the General Assembly that have helped to restore family values to the State of North Carolina.

A. ***Christian Values***

The Christian Action League joined with other Christian organizations to promote Christian Heritage Week in North Carolina, March 17-23. We experienced a wonderful week as presentations and commemorations were held in many churches, schools and communities across our state. The week culminated with an awards ceremony and reception for the winners of the state-wide essay contest and their families. The League provided decorations and programs for the event and hosted the reception at the State Archives and History Building in Raleigh.

The League undertook a project in association with the American Rights Coalition to distribute thousands of copies of the Ten Commandments throughout North Carolina. To date, over 5,000 copies of the 11x14 prints have been distributed throughout the state to individuals and churches.

B. ***Lottery***

We saw renewed efforts to push a lottery bill through the General Assembly for a state-wide referendum. Representative Fitch introduced two lottery bills: HB 6060 (Rules Committee) and HB 838 (JII Committee). The League actively lobbied against these bills and both bills died in their respective committees. North Carolina continues to be the largest state in the nation and the only state in the Bible belt with no state-sponsored gambling. Please keep us in prayer as the League faces this battle each year.

C. ***Sex Education***

CAL actively lobbied for HB 834, Abstinence Until Marriage, a law that mandated that abstinence until marriage be the focus in sex education in North Carolina schools and was passed in the 1995 session. CAL and other pro-family, Christian organizations have been working with the Dept. of Public Instruction and State Board of Education in 1996 encouraging them to implement the law through abstinence-based curricula. We have also assisted communities in seeing that this law is properly implemented at the local level.

D. ***Homosexuality***

CAL participated in efforts to get SB 1487 (No Same-Sex Marriage) passed during the short session of the General Assembly. The bill passed both houses and became law.

Alerted our members in the Winston-Salem area about the Family March on June 30 and encouraged them to notify their churches to participate. This march was in response to the homosexual community march held in that city. The Family March attendance was estimated at 8,000.

E. ***Abortion***

The League actively supported Representative Decker's HB 624, a Woman's Right to Know. This bill would have required the doctor to share vital information with the patient about the risks of abortion and would require a 24-hour waiting period. We were disappointed that the bill did not pass this session; however, we will work for its passage again next session.

F. ***Alcohol***

CAL assisted several communities in setting up an organization to combat liquor referendums.

My friends, we are living in times when the Christian community needs to exercise spiritual discernment and stand strong for Biblical principles that further righteousness, strengthen families and bless our state and nation. We are grateful to God for the prayer and financial support that the League receives from the churches of your association that allow us to be on the front lines in this spiritual warfare.

Respectfully submitted,
Johnny R. Henderson, Executive Director
Joe S. Lennon, President

## BAPTIST COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY REPORT

Since 1834 North Carolina Baptist Colleges and Universities have been privileged to have many splendid presidents. The current presidents are listed on this page. They were elected to take the lead in dreaming, shaping and managing Baptist higher education in North Carolina.

**Two colleges, Mars Hill and Chowan, have new presidents. Let us introduce them to you.**

*Dr. A. Max Lennon* was named president of Mars Hill College, effective March 1. Both he and Mrs. Lennon (Ruth Ann) are graduates of Mars Hill. Dr. Lennon brings a rich background in business and higher education to his new task. After earning the B.S. and Ph.D. degrees at North Carolina State University, he served in the administration of Texas Tech University, the University of Missouri, Ohio State University and Clemson University, where he was the president. he comes

to Mars Hill from the presidency of Eastern Foods, Inc. in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Lennon, an active Baptist churchman, has been a member of the National Fellowship of Baptist Men. In Atlanta they were members of the First Baptist Church in Peachtree City, where he taught Sunday School and was a member of the strategic planning committee. He is on the board of directors of numerous corporations and foundations, among them First Union Corporation and Duke Power. In accepting the presidency of Mars Hill he said, *"This is a wonderful opportunity to provide leadership for this college and boldly proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ."*

*Dr. Stanley G. Lott* moved to North Carolina in July to become president of Chowan College. He comes from Louisiana College, a Baptist school, where he was vice president for academic affairs for 15 years. Earlier he has been a faculty member at Tift College in Georgia. Dr. Lott earned two doctorates, one in systematic theology from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and the other in higher education administration from the University of Georgia. An ordained Baptist minister, he has held two pastorates in Louisiana. Mercer University president Kirby Godsey said, *"Stanley Lott is one of the finest educators and leaders in higher education today."* Dr. and Mrs. Lott (Johnnye) were long-time, active members of Emmanuel Baptist Church, near Louisiana College. Upon his election the new president said, *"I look forward to joining hands with all who are part of Chowan College. I am also eager to join North Carolina Baptist in their efforts to spread the gospel and to preserve historic Baptist principles."*

The Presidents:
Norman A. Wiggins, Campbell University
Stanley G. Lott, Chowan College
M. Christopher White, Gardner-Webb University
A. Max Lennon, Mars Hill College
John E. Weems, Meredith College
Jerry E. McGee, Wingate University
Thomas K. Hearn, Jr., Wake Forest University

## HOME MISSION BOARD, SBC
## 1995 ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY/HIGHLIGHTS

The Home Mission Board (HMB) is a missionary-sending agency of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). With national offices in the Atlanta, Georgia area, the HMB's purpose is to serve Southern Baptists by assisting churches to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, start and grow New Testament congregations, and minister to people in the name of Christ.

As of December 31, 1995, there were 4,857 missions personnel serving in the United States, the Caribbean, Guam, American Samoa, and Canada. The HMB also has endorsed more than 2,400 chaplains who are serving in healthcare agencies, institutions, businesses, the military, and pastoral-care roles. Nearly 2,300 Mission Service Corps volunteers are serving on home mission fields. During the year there were 1,458 church starts, the second highest number in 10 years. Southern Baptist churches baptized 393,811 people in 1995, an increase of nearly 15,000 over 1994.

Approximately half of the HMB's support comes from the annual Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions. In 1995, gifts to the offering totaled $38,908,339, the largest in HMB history. One hundred percent of the

offering goes to support the work of home missionaries in the field. The 1996 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal is $42 million. About 35 percent of the HMB's income comes from the denominations Cooperative Program.

The following is a summary of program/support ministry highlights from 1995:

**Chaplaincy Ministries--**The 2,412 Southern Baptists now serving as chaplains and pastoral counselors reported more than 27,000 professions of faith. During the year, 179 Southern Baptist ministers were endorsed for the first time by the Chaplains Commission of the SBC.

**Church Loans--**The Church Loans Division closed 98 church loans totaling $25 million, including $3.4 million of refinancing.

**Associational Administrative Service--**In more than 1,025 associations, 950 associational missionaries have an extremely significant role in leading churches to strategize and work in partnership to evangelize, minister, and start churches in all places and among all people groups.

**Language Missions--**Home missionaries in the Language Church Extension Division worked among 106 ethnic groups and 98 American Indian tribes, using 106 languages and dialects, in addition to sign language.

**Volunteers-**Volunteers continue to serve in record numbers and represent more than $100 million in value to the HMB. In 1995, more than 70,000 persons served as volunteers. Mission Service Corps missionaries, numbering 2,193, represent a cadre of committed people responding to God's call to be personally involved in home missions. They were responsible for leading more than 5,600 people to Christ.

**Prayer and Spiritual Awakening--**The Home Missions Intercessory Prayerline received 82,000 calls in 1995. Missionary prayer requests were given in more than 178,000 English and Spanish *PrayerGrams.*

**Mass Evangelism--**This department assisted in implementing the *Here's Hope. Jesus Cares for You.* Harvest Revivals. An estimated 25,000 to 35,000 churches participated in some portion of the *Here's Hope* emphasis.

**Alternatives to Abortion Ministries--**As a result of ministries in 37 crisis pregnancy centers, 806 persons prayed to receive Christ and 1,823 babies were born.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

As in all past years, our Lord has abundantly blessed the work of the Foreign Mission Board through countless ways. We wish to thank all Southern Baptists for their roles which undergird the FMB. Without the concerted, cooperative effort of all Southern Baptist churches, the work and mission of the FMB would be only a shadow of its present position.

We are distinctly privileged to follow our Lord's command found in the Great Commission. Each year brings us closer to taking the gospel to all nations (best rendered as ethno-linguistic people groups).

The following annual growth levels reflect the combined reports from all foreign mission points as of the start of this year:

- A record number of newly constituted churches: 2,612
- Total number of countries where missionaries reside: 131
- Total number of baptisms overseas: 287,806
- Number of new people groups touched by the gospel: 41

- Baptisms among least-reached peoples: 6,548
- Total number of missionaries: 4,129
- Total number of short-term volunteers: Over 15,000
- Total number of newly appointed missionaries: 544
- Record amount of Lottie Moon Offering: $89.9 million
- Increase in enrollment in discipleship programs: 74%
- Number of new cities opened to the gospel: 528

Southern Baptist support the Foreign Mission Board in multiple ways. Daily prayer assistance tops the list. Likewise, sacrificial giving through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering have provided innumerable opportunities to spread the gospel. As missionaries preached, taught, healed and counseled, you were there. The Foreign Mission Board counts it an honor to partner with you to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to every shore.

# In Memorial

**ABBOTTSBURG**
Mrs. LaRay Gibson
Mr. James White

**BEARDS CHAPEL**
Mrs. Mary Doris Hill
Mrs. Fodie Smith
Mr. Cannady Smith, Sr.

**BETHEL**
Mr. J.W. Devane, Deacon
Mrs. Sybil R. Gooding
Mrs. Ruby B. Priest

**BLADENBORO FIRST**
Mr. William L. Crawley
Mr. Manley O. Jones
Mrs. Smithie C. Phelps
Mr. Billy Russ

**BRIAR BRANCH**
Mr. Fred McMillian
Mrs. Ophelia Sevonce

**BUTTERS**
Mr. Furney Rogers
Mr. Barnuis Speights
Mr. Clarence Wiederspahn
Mrs. Corine Williams

**CENTER ROAD**
Mr. Coolidge Carroll
Mr. Edward Fyfe
Mr. Leslie Guyton
Mr. Jerry Pait
Mr. Steve Pait
Mrs. Evelyn Taylor

**CLARKTON**
Mrs. Emily Davis
Mrs. Susan Garner
Mr. Kirby Pope

**COUNCIL**
Mrs. Anna Council

**CYPRESS CREEK**
No Deceased This Year

**DUBLIN, FIRST**
Mr. Raymond Bryant
Mr. O. Paul Hill
Mrs. Margaret Knupp
Mr. Ernest D. Nance, Sr.
Mr. Ernest N. Taylor, Sr.
Mr. Robert Veeder, Sr.

**ELIZABETHTOWN**
Mr. Bobby Cain
Mr. Hubron Drye
Mr. Doug Evans, Sr.
Mr. Wilton Hales
Mr. Herman Huggins
Mrs. Beauty Nunnery
Mrs. Margaret Page
Mrs. Clara Strickland
Mrs. Dayle Stuart
Mr. Gladwin Tatum
Mrs. Beulah Todd

**FAITH**
No Deceased This Year

**FRIENDSHIP**
Mrs. Frances Johnson
Mr. Charlie J. Smith

**GALEED**
Mrs. Hilda Ruth E. Anders
Miss Nizie B. Best

**GRACE**
Mr. N. J. Cain

**HICKORY GROVE**
Mr. Mitchell Hester
Mrs. Polly Stanley

**LISBON**
Mr. C. Raymond White, Deacon

**LOVE GROVE**
Mr. Howard C. Monroe
Mr. Bobby Odom
Mrs. Ozo Wilkins

**NATMOORE**
No Deceased This Year

**NEW CENTER**
No Deceased This Year

**NORTHSIDE**
Mrs. Leona Edwards
Mrs. Earlene Simmons

**PEACE**
Mr. Johnny McKeithan, Deacon

**RICHARDSON**
Mr. Edwin Nance

**RIVERSIDE**
Mrs. Clayton M. Allen
Mrs. Mae N. Lewis
Mr. Julius Long
Mr. Carmon Williams

**SANDY GROVE**
Mr. Ronnie Stewart

**SHADY GROVE**
Mr. Donald Britt

**SUGGS GROVE**
Mr. Harvey Edge
Mrs. Eunice Hockette
Mrs. Maude Ray
Mrs. Mary Simmons
Mr. Preston Simmons

**TAR HEEL**
Mr. Earl Dockery
Mr. Danny Kupcho
Mr. Boyd Stone

**WEST BLADENBORO**
Mr. Donald Bullard
Mrs. Eva Mae S. Cain
Mr. Robert D. McLean
Mrs. Gladys B. Taylor

**WHITE LAKE**
Mr. Bobby Cain
Mr. Earl Melvin
Mr. V. L. Young

**WHITE OAK**
Miss Mannie Edge
Miss Mary Lou McLaurin
Mrs. Mildred New
Mrs. Ina Wilderson

**WHITES CREEK**
Mrs. Margaret Duke
Mr. Dan Regan
Mr. Bill Warner

**ZION HILL**
Mr. Gaston Dove
Mrs. Ila Dove
Mr. John Henry Edwards
Mr. Ralph Pait

*Bladen Baptist Association* *Treasurer - David Clark*

## GIFTS FOR BUDGET
## YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 1996

| | YEAR-TO-DATE |
|---|---|
| Abbottsburg | 2,220.24 |
| Beard's Chapel | 600.00 |
| Bethel | 1,875.00 |
| Bladenboro, First | 6,000.00 |
| Briar Branch | 100.00 |
| Butters | 1,200.00 |
| Center Road | 2,597.32 |
| Clarkton, First | 4,838.85 |
| Council | 1,200.00 |
| Cypress Creek | 1,371.79 |
| Dublin, First | 1,420.00 |
| Elizabethtown | 8,000.00 |
| Faith | 795.00 |
| Friendship | 1,548.97 |
| Galeed | 6,499.90 |
| Grace | 212.00 |
| Hickory Grove | 1,075.00 |
| Lisbon | 2,058.28 |
| Love Grove | 225.00 |
| Natmoore | 100.00 |
| New Center | 0.00 |
| Northside | 2,171.46 |
| Peace | 260.00 |
| Richardson | 600.00 |
| Riverside | 2,148.39 |
| Sandy Grove | 2,646.03 |
| Shady Grove | 2,400.00 |
| Suggs Grove | 1,500.00 |
| Tar Heel | 3,172.65 |
| West Bladenboro | 1,124.97 |
| White Lake | 4,040.92 |
| White Oak | 1,500.00 |
| Whites Creek | 1,383.90 |
| Zion Hill | 2,600.00 |
| TOTAL CHURCH GIFTS | 69,485.67 |
| Individual Gifts | 0.00 |
| Individual Gifts | 0.00 |
| WMU Thrift Shop | 10,000.00 |
| White Lake Prison | 0.00 |
| State Convention | 1,296.75 |
| Reimburse Copies | 12.50 |
| NC Sales Tax Refund | 261.43 |
| Seminary Extension | 15.50 |
| Miscellaneous | 117.93 |
| Annuals | 0.00 |
| Ukraine Gifts | 0.00 |
| | 81,189.78 |

*Bladen Baptist Association* *Treasurer - David Clark*

## BUDGET SUMMARY FOR
## YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

| BUDGET ITEM | AMOUNT | YR - DATE | ITEM BAL |
|---|---|---|---|
| **100 EDUCATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL MINISTRIES** | | | |
| 101 Sunday School | 800.00 | 285.82 | 514.18 |
| 102 Discipleship Trng. | 800.00 | 520.64 | 279.36 |
| 103 Brotherhood | 800.00 | 619.02 | 180.98 |
| 104 W.M.U. | 1,300.00 | 893.03 | 406.97 |
| 105 Missions Development | 300.00 | 310.63 | -10.63 |
| 106 Music | 300.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 |
| 107 Evangelism | 1,000.00 | 892.96 | 107.04 |
| 108 Pastoral Care | 500.00 | 377.20 | 122.80 |
| 109 Audio Visuals | 400.00 | 333.88 | 66.12 |
| 110 Associational Admin. | 200.00 | 150.69 | 49.31 |
| 111 Seminary Extension | 300.00 | 57.94 | 242.06 |
| 112 Special Training | 250.00 | 199.73 | 50.27 |
| 113 New York Partnership | 500.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| 114 Youth Ministry | 300.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| **200 ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES** | | | |
| 201 Postage | 1,500.00 | 1,124.83 | 375.17 |
| 202 Office Supplies | 3,000.00 | 2,999.34 | 0.66 |
| 203 Equipment & Maint. | 900.00 | 2,623.94 | -1,723.94 |
| 204 Utilities | 3,000.00 | 3,067.73 | -67.73 |
| 205 Bldg. & Grounds | 1,000.00 | 892.50 | 107.50 |
| 206 Insurance | 1,300.00 | 1,248.00 | 52.00 |
| 207 Books & Literature | 300.00 | 173.52 | 126.48 |
| 208 Ser. Min. Car, Travel | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 |
| 209 Convention & Assemb. | 1,000.00 | 1,194.17 | -194.17 |
| 210 Annuity (Retirement) | 7,145.00 | 7,144.92 | 0.08 |
| 211 F.I.C.A. (DOM) | 3,009.40 | 3,009.40 | 0.00 |
| 212 F.I.C.A. (Secretary) | 535.00 | 557.04 | -22.04 |
| 213 Housing & Util. DOM | 11,684.00 | 11,684.00 | 0.00 |
| 214 Medical Spend. Fund | 1,500.00 | 1.380.70 | 119.30 |
| 215 Annuals | 500.00 | 724.40 | -224.40 |
| **300 SALARIES** | | | |
| 301 DOM Salary | 16,432.00 | 16,432.00 | 0.00 |
| 302 Secretary Salary | 7,280.00 | 7,280.00 | 0.00 |
| 303 Clerk | 832.00 | 832.00 | 0.00 |
| **400 MISCELLANEOUS** | | | |
| 401 Emergency | 250.00 | 250.00 | 0.0 |
| 402 Christmas Gift DOM | 250.00 | 250.00 | 0.00 |
| 403 Contingency | 500.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTALS | 74,667.40 | 73,660.03 | 1,007.37 |

### YEAR ACCOUNT SUMMARY

| ACCOUNT | BAL | RECEIPTS | TOTAL CSH | EXPENSES | END BAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Budget | 42,668.48 | 81,189.78 | 123,858.26 | 73,660.03 | 50,198.23 |
| Contingency Fund | 2,808.52 | 0.00 | 2,808.52 | 0.00 | 2,808.52 |
| Federal Taxes | 0.00 | 1,517.00 | 1,517.00 | 1,517.00 | 0.00 |
| F.I.C.A. | 0.00 | 556.80 | 556.80 | 556.80 | 0.00 |
| State Taxes | 0.00 | 677.26 | 677.26 | 677.26 | 0.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 141.48 | 31.38 | 172.86 | 0.00 | 172.86 |
| Annuals | 553.00 | 696.00 | 1,249.00 | 961.00 | 288.00 |
| Ukraine Scholarship | 3,653.00 | 12,869.41 | 16,522.41 | 8,339.32 | 8,183.09 |
| N. Korea Famine Proj | 0.00 | 1,230.50 | 1,230.50 | 1,230.50 | 0.00 |
| Conner House | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,296.75 | -1,296.75 |
| Hispanic Mission | 0.00 | 440.00 | 440.00 | 0.00 | 440.00 |
| 1996 Annuals | 0.00 | 606.00 | 606.00 | 0.00 | 606.00 |
| Evangelism 1997 | 0.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 |
| TOTALS | 49,824.48 | 100,214.13 | 150,038.61 | 88,238.66 | 61,799.95 |

*Bladen Baptist Association* *Treasurer - David Clark*

## TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR
## YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

| CHURCHES | YEAR'S RECEIPTS |
|---|---|
| Abbottsburg | 2,280.24 |
| Beard's Chapel | 723.00 |
| Bethel | 2,901.00 |
| Bladenboro, First | 6,094.00 |
| Briar Branch | 100.00 |
| Butters | 1,291.00 |
| Center Road | 2,717.32 |
| Clarkton, First | 6,076.85 |
| Council | 1,273.00 |
| Cypress Creek | 1,425.79 |
| Dublin, First | 1,948.00 |
| Elizabethtown | 8,132.00 |
| Faith | 801.00 |
| Friendship | 2,580.97 |
| Galeed | 6,659.90 |
| Grace | 245.75 |
| Hickory Grove | 1,411.00 |
| Lisbon | 2,185.28 |
| Love Grove | 225.00 |
| Natmoore | 100.00 |
| New Center | 6.00 |
| Northside | 3,585.46 |
| Peace | 260.00 |
| Richardson | 600.00 |
| Riverside | 2,148.39 |
| Sandy Grove | 2,814.03 |
| Shady Grove | 2,933.00 |
| Suggs Grove | 1,518.00 |
| Tar Heel | 3,196.65 |
| West Bladenboro | 1,183.35 |
| White Lake | 4,076.92 |
| White Oak | 1,548.00 |
| Whites Creek | 1,383.90 |
| Zion Hill | 3,907.75 |
| TOTAL CHURCH GIFTS | 78,332.55 |
| BSC for Peace | 0.00 |
| Individual Gifts | 0.00 |
| WMU Thrift Shop | 10,000.00 |
| White Lake Prison | 0.00 |
| State Convention | 1,696.75 |
| Reimburse Copies | 12.50 |
| NC Sales Tax Refund | 261.43 |
| Seminary Extension | 15.50 |
| Miscellaneous | 122.93 |
| Annuals | 12.00 |
| Ukraine Gifts | 7,009.41 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 97,463.07 |

| | |
|---|---|
| BUDGET GIFTS TO DATE | 81,189.78 |
| BUDGET NEED TO DATE | 74,667.40 |
| AHEAD OF BUDGET GOAL | 6,522.38 |

# BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

| | | 1996 BUDGET | | 1997 BUDGET |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **100** | **EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES** | | | |
| 101 | Sunday School | $ 800.00 | | $ 800.00 |
| 102 | Discipleship Trng. | 800.00 | | 800.00 |
| 103 | Brotherhood | 800.00 | | 800.00 |
| 104 | W.M.U. | 1,300.00 | | 1,300.00 |
| 105 | Missions Development | 300.00 | | 300.00 |
| 106 | Music | 400.00 | | 400.00 |
| 107 | Evangelism | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 |
| 108 | Pastoral Care | 500.00 | | 500.00 |
| 108 | Pastoral Care | 400.00 | | 400.00 |
| 109 | Audio Visual (Media) | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
| 110 | Association Admin. | 300.00 | | 300.00 |
| 112 | Special Training | 250.00 | | 250.00 |
| 113 | New York Partnership | 500.00 | **Local Missions** | 500.00 |
| 114 | Youth Ministry | 300.00 | | 300.00 |
| **TOTAL** | | **$ 7,850.00** | | **7,850.00** |
| **200** | **ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES** | | | |
| 201 | Postage | 1,500.00 | | 1,500.00 |
| 202 | Office Supplies | 3,000.00 | | 3,000.00 |
| 203 | Office Equipment & Maint. | 900.00 | | 1,200.00 |
| 204 | Utilities | 3,000.00 | | 3,000.00 |
| 205 | Bldg. & Grounds | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 |
| 206 | Insurance | 1,300.00 | | 1,300.00 |
| 207 | Books & Literature | 300.00 | | 300.00 |
| 208 | Ser. Min. Car, Travel | 5,000.00 | | 5,000.00 |
| 209 | Convention & Assemb. | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 |
| 210 | Annuity (Retirement) | 7,145.00 | | 7,145.00 |
| 211 | SS Dom (Reimbursement) | 3,009.40 | | 4,186.32 |
| 212 | Social Security - Secretary | 535.00 | | 975.00 |
| 213 | Housing & Util. DOM | 11,684.00 | | 11,684.00 |
| 214 | Medical Spend. Fund | 1,500.00 | | 1,500.00 |
| 215 | Annuals | 500.00 | | 500.00 |
| **TOTAL** | | **$41,373.90** | | **43,290.32** |
| **300** | **SALARIES** | | | |
| 301 | DOM Salary | 16,432.00 | | 17,253.60 |
| 302 | Secretary Salary | 7,280.00 | | 12,712.96 |
| 303 | Clerk | 832.00 | | 873.60 |
| **TOTAL** | | **$24,544.00** | | **30,840.16** |
| **400** | **MISCELLANEOUS** | | | |
| 401 | Emergency | 250.00 | | 250.00 |
| 402 | Christmas Gift DOM | 250.00 | | 250.00 |
| 403 | Contingency | 500.00 | | 200.00 |
| **TOTAL** | | **$ 1,000.00** | | **700.00** |
| **500** | **MISSIONS** | | | |
| **501** | **Hispanic Mission** | | | **6,000.00** |
| **GRAND TOTAL** | | **$74,767.90** | | **88,680.48** |

## BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
## AUDIT REPORT FOR 1996

I have audited the financial records and reviewed the financial statements of the Bladen Baptist Association for the 1996 fiscal year. Based upon this audit, it is my opinion that the financial statements accurately reflect the financial status of this organization. Also, the recorded entries accurately reflect each financial transaction. The records are being maintained in a neat and orderly manner and transactions are being recorded promptly.

Respectfully submitted,
David L. Edge

# HISTORICAL TABLE-BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October, 1892, the Cape Fear Associations met at Shady Grove Baptist Church. The Churches of Bladen County were called to a meeting later in October at Browns Creek Baptist Church to discuss the organization of a Bladen County Association. Delegates at the meeting decided to organize. On November 7, 1892, delegates from the churches of Bladen County met at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Lisbon, and organized the Bladen County Baptist Association. In the Historical Table this meeting is designated the First Annual Session.

| Session | Year | Church | Moderator | Clerk | Preacher |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 1892 | Mt. Pleasant | William Brunt | H.B. Register | W.S. Melvin |
| 2. | 1893 | Cypress Creek | William Brunt | H.B. Register | A.J. Broadax |
| 3. | 1894 | Galeed | William Brunt | F.S. Averitt | R.L. Byrd |
| 4. | 1895 | White Oak | William Brunt | F.S. Averitt | William Brisson |
| 5. | 1896 | Hickory Grove | William Brunt | F.S. Averitt | William Brunt |
| 6. | 1897 | Clarkton | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | C.E. Be |
| 7. | 1898 | White Oak | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | I.P. Hedgepeth |
| 8. | 1899 | Frenches Creek | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | E.J. Edwards |
| 9. | 1900 | Mt. Pleasant | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | W.S. Ballard |
| 10. | 1901 | Garland | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | H.C. Dillard |
| 11. | 1902 | Galeed | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | R.L. Byrd |
| 12. | 1903 | White Oak | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | R.L. Byrd |
| 13. | 1904 | Shady Grove | | F.S. Averitt | A.H. Porter |
| 14. | 1905 | White Lake | William Brunt | F.S. Averitt | J.S. Farmer |
| 15. | 1906 | Hickory Grove | R.M. Hilburn | F.S. Averitt | H.B. Humphrey |
| 16. | 1907 | White Oak | R.M. Hilburn | F.S. Averitt | P.T. Britt |
| 17. | 1908 | Abbottsburg | R.M. Hilburn | F.S. Averitt | Livingston Johnson |
| 18. | 1909 | White Lake | R.M. Hilburn | F.S. Averitt | P.O. Meeks |
| 19. | 1910 | Mt. Zion | R.H. Hilburn | F.S. Averitt | A.L. Betts |
| 20. | 1911 | White Oak | W.W. Woodhouse | F.S. Averitt | I.P. Hedgepeth |
| 21. | 1912 | Bethel | W.W. Woodhouse | F.S. Averitt | J.M. Flemming |
| 22. | 1913 | White Oak | W.W. Woodhouse | F.S. Averitt | J.M. Hester |
| 23. | 1914 | Bladenboro | N.A. Layton | F.S. Averitt | Livingston Johnson |
| 24. | 1915 | White Oak | N.A. Layton | F.S. Averitt | R.L. Boyd |
| 25. | 1916 | Bethel | N.A. Layton | F.S. Averitt | J.D. Howell |

| Session | Year | Church | Moderator | Clerk | Preacher |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 26. | 1917 | White Oak | N.A. Layton | F.S. Averitt | R.L. Byrd |
| 27. | 1918 | Elizabethtown | N.A. Layton | F.S. Averitt | R.L. Byrd |
| 28. | 1919 | White Oak | R.E. Powell | F.S. Averitt | R.E. Powell |
| 29. | 1920 | Center Road | R.E. Powell | F.S. Averitt | E.O. Johnson |
| 30. | 1921 | Elizabethtown | R.E. Powell | D.B. Johnson | R.E. Powell |
| 31. | 1922 | Hickory Grove | S.N. Watson | Seth Lewis | S.N. Watson |
| 32. | 1923 | White Oak | W.O. Biggs | Seth Lewis | W.D. Pridgen |
| 33. | 1924 | Galeed | S.N. Watson | Seth Lewis | S.N. Watson |
| 34. | 1925 | Love's Grove | S.N. Watson | Seth Lewis | W.O. Biggs |
| 35. | 1926 | Clarkton | W.O. Biggs | Seth Lewis | S.N. Watson |
| 36. | 1927 | White Oak | R.J. Hester | Seth Lewis | L.E. Dutton |
| 37. | 1928 | Whites Creek | W.D. Pridgen | Seth Lewis | S.N. Watson |
| 38. | 1929 | Bladenboro | W.D. Pridgen | Seth Lewis | W.O. Biggs |
| 39. | 1930 | Clarkton | W.D. Pridgen | Seth Lewis | W.A. Coleman |
| 40. | 1931 | Elizabethtown | W.O. Biggs | Seth Lewis | J.M. Page |
| 41. | 1932 | Hickory Grove | W.O. Biggs | Seth Lewis | R.J. Hall |
| 42. | 1933 | Bethel | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | C.R. Hinton |
| 43. | 1934 | Abbottsburg | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | E.A. Paul |
| 44. | 1935 | White Oak | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | J.C. Hough |
| 45. | 1936 | Tar Heel | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | Joel Johnson |
| 46. | 1937 | Sandy Grove | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | J.M. Page |
| 47. | 1938 | Center Road | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | W.O. Biggs |
| 48. | 1939 | White Lake | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | C.B. Horne |
| 49. | 1940 | Bethel | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | M.O Alexander |
| 50. | 1941 | Zion Hill | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | E.H. Canady |
| 51. | 1942 | Whites Creek | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | R.F. Marshburn |
| 52. | 1943 | Galeed | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | S.R. Goodman |
| 53. | 1944 | Clarkton | W.W. Woodhouse | Seth Lewis | H. Laughridge |
| 54. | 1945 | Hickory Grove | W.W. Woodhouse | Seth Lewis | C.S. Smith |
| 55. | 1946 | Bladenboro | W.W. Woodhouse | Seth Lewis | A.D. Frazier |
| 56. | 1947 | Cypress Creek | W.W. Woodhouse | Seth Lewis | A.P. Stevens |
| 57. | 1948 | Shady Grove | W.W. Woodhouse | Seth Lewis | C.P. Burchett |
| 58. | 1949 | Elizabethtown | W.W. Woodhouse | R.A. Britt | B.W. Howell |
| 59. | 1950 | Lisbon | W.W. Woodhouse | R.A. Britt | John A. Moore |

| Session | Year | Church | Moderator | Clerk | Preacher |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 60. | 1951 | Center Road | C.D. Brisson | R.A. Brit | J.B. Dasher |
| 61. | 1952 | Love's Grove<br>Clarkton | C.D. Brisson | Leon D. Smith | F.W. Naylor<br>M.M. Turner |
| 62. | 1953 | Dublin First<br>Sandy Grove | Leon D. Smith | John A. Moore | John H. McCrimmon<br>R.W. Walton |
| 63. | 1954 | Sandy Grove<br>Zion Hill | Leon D. Smith | John A. Moore | Mark Owens<br>Joel S. Johnson |
| 64. | 1955 | Bladenboro First<br>Hickory Grove | Leon D. Smith | Mrs. D.J. McDaniel | Dean L. Minton<br>T.H. Lambert |
| 65. | 1956 | Lisbon<br>Center Road | J.H. McCrimmon | Thomas Carroll | Jessie McLamb<br>Vance Tyson |
| 66. | 1957 | Dublin First<br>Shady Grove | Joe A. Campbell | Thomas Carroll | Earl Hales<br>J.C. Shaw |
| 67. | 1958 | Whites Creek<br>Bethel | Thomas A. Wolfe | Thomas Carroll | John H. McCrimmon<br>Joel S. Johnson |
| 68. | 1959 | Elizabethtown<br>Clarkton | E.R. Boyd | Thomas Carroll | E.R. Boyd<br>Thomas Wolfe |
| 69. | 1960 | Cypress Creek<br>White Oak | Oren Honeycutt | Edd Nye | Thomas Wolfe<br>S.W. Jolly |
| 70 | 1961 | Galeed<br>Butters | Sidney Britt | Edd Nye | Jerry Wallace<br>Gaston Hester |
| 71. | 1962 | Dublin First<br>Riverside | Jerry Wallace | Walter Bryan | R.E. Carter<br>A.P. Stevens |
| 72. | 1963 | Northside<br>White Lake | Jerry Wallace | Walter Bryan | Jennis McLamb<br>Vance Tyson |
| 73. | 1964 | Suggs Grove<br>Sandy Grove | Eugene Gaskins | Walter Bryan | Joe Dempsey<br>L.W. McKeithan |
| 74. | 1965 | Bethel<br>Shady Grove | Eugene Gaskins | Leola G. McDaniel | Thomas Womble<br>Gaston Hester |
| 75. | 1966 | Zion Hill<br>Clarkton | Edd Nye | Leola G. McDaniel | Garland Bordeaux<br>J.O. Royal |
| 76. | 1967 | Bladenboro First<br>Whites Creek | Edd Nye | Leola G. McDaniel | Nathan C. Brooks<br>James C. Ray |

| Session | Year | Church | Moderator | Clerk | Preacher |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 77. | 1968 | Elizabethtown<br>Tar Heel | S.W. Jolly | Othella S. Heflin | O.L. Sherrill<br>Eddie Raynolds |
| 78. | 1969 | Center Road<br>Whites Creek | Thomas Womble | Othella S. Heflin | Perry Crouch<br>C.E. Brisson |
| 79. | 1970 | Hickory Grove<br>Beards Chapel | Porter Cain | Othella S. Heflin | Eual Lawson<br>Nash Odom |
| 80. | 1971 | Butters<br>White Lake | Nash Odom | Ruth W. Prince | R. Tom Green<br>Eugene Gaskins |
| 81. | 1972 | Abbottsburg<br>Galeed | Nash Odom | Ruth W. Prince | Joe Watterson<br>L.L.Barnes |
| 82. | 1973 | Dublin First<br>Suggs Grove | S.W. Jolly | Ruth W. Prince | Perry Crouch<br>Alfred N. Honeycutt |
| 83. | 1974 | Sandy Grove<br>Bethel | S.W. Jolly | Ruth W. Prince | Jimmy Morris<br>Robert Byrd |
| 84. | 1975 | West Bladenboro<br>Cypress Creek | J.C. Ray | Ruth W. Prince | J.N. Evans<br>Paul Forrester |
| 85. | 1976 | Whites Creek<br>Briar Branch | J.C. Ray | Virginia S. Gaskins | John Bunn<br>Walter Martin |
| 86. | 1977 | Riverside<br>Clarkton, First | Paul Forrester | Virginia S. Gaskins | Cecil Ray<br>George Langley |
| 87. | 1978 | Friendshuip<br>Zion Hill | Paul Forrester | Virginia S. Gaskins | Earl Henry<br>Roger Gilbert |
| 88. | 1979 | Elizabethtown<br>Bladenboro, First | Bruce Lanier | E.P. Lockamy | Bruce Lanier<br>Rupert Rivenbark |
| 89. | 1980 | Northside<br>Center Road | Bruce Lanier | E.P. Lockamy | Rupert Rivenbark<br>Bruce Lanier |
| 90. | 1981 | Bethel<br>White Oak | Charles Hester | E.P. Lockamy | Phillip McLean<br>Harold Shirley |
| 91. | 1982 | Hickory Grove<br>Suggs Grove | Charles Hester | E.P. Lockamy | Earl Farthing<br>Tim Sellers |
| 92. | 1983 | Lisbon<br>Tar Heel | Earl Farthing | E.P. Lockamy | Charles Allen<br>James D. Hester |
| 93. | 1984 | Riverside<br>Galeed | Harold Shirley | E.P. Lockamy | L.L. Barnes<br>Allen Grey |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 94. | 1985 | Sandy Grove<br>Dublin, First | Harold Shirley | E.P. Lockamy | Eugene Gaskins<br>Ernest Packer |
| 95. | 1986 | Suggs Grove<br>Shady Grove | James Brooks | Myrtle Lockamy | Carroll Fonvielle<br>Bervin Ferguson |
| 96. | 1987 | Faith<br>Love Grove | James Brooks | Myrtle Lockamy | William Harrison<br>Milton McCormick |
| 97. | 1988 | West Bladenboro<br>Galeed | Clyde Coates | Myrtle Lockamy | Tim Sellers<br>Bervin Ferguson |
| 98. | 1989 | Briar Branch<br>Bethel | Clyde Coates | Myrtle Lockamy | David Rutland<br>John Lott |
| 99. | 1990 | Abbottsburg<br>Friendship | Charles Little | Myrtle Lockamy | John Lott<br>Paul Forrester |
| 100. | 1991 | Lisbon<br>Elizabethtown | Charles Little | Myrtle Lockamy | Paul Forrester<br>Carroll Fonvielle |
| 101. | 1992 | Zion Hill<br>Cypress Creek | Jerry Beck | Myrtle Lockamy | Earl Farthing<br>Michael Thompson |
| 102. | 1993 | Sandy Grove<br>White Oak | Jerry Beck | Marjorie Smith | Dwight Cooper<br>Jerry Beck |
| 103. | 1994 | Suggs Grove<br>Northside | Jerry Beck | Marjorie Smith | David Rutland<br>Sidney Britt |
| 104. | 1995 | Tar Heel<br>Dublin | David Rutland | Virginia Gause | Sidney Britt<br>James Brooks |
| 105. | 1996 | Hickory Grove<br>Cypress Creek | David Rutland | Virginia Gause | James Brooks<br>Clyde Coates |

MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION

1-Year Organized
2-Year Pastor Came
3-Church Location Code
  1-Open Country  Medium City  Large City
ASSOCIATION  2-Village  5-Downtown  8-Downtown
  BLADEN BAPT ASSN  3-Town  6-Neighborhood  9-Neighborhood
  4-Small City  7-Suburbs  0-Suburbs
4-Racial/Ethnic Group (1-28)
STATE  5-TOTAL BAPTISMS
  North Carolina  a-Baptisms Under 6
  b-Baptisms Age 6-8
  c-Baptisms Age 9-11

| Church | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 5a | 5b | 5c |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG BAPTIST | Bladen | 1870 | 1996 | 1 | 01 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BEARDS CHAPEL | Bladen | 1888 | 1989 | 1 | 01 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| BETHEL | Bladen | 1881 | 1988 | 1 | 01 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BLADENBORO FIRST BAP | Bladen | 1911 | 1993 | 3 | 01 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| BRIAR BRANCH | Bladen | 1845 | 1990 | 1 | 01 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| BUTTERS | Bladen | 1932 | 1978 | 1 | 01 | 18 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| CENTER ROAD | Bladen | 1885 | 1994 | 1 | 01 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CLARKTON | Bladen | 1884 | 1989 | 3 | 01 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| COUNCIL | BLADEN | 1912 | | 1 | 01 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CYPRESS CREEK | BLADEN | 1853 | 1995 | 1 | 01 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DUBLIN | Bladen | 1950 | | 2 | 01 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | Bladen | 1903 | | 3 | 01 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FAITH | Bladen | 1978 | 1995 | 1 | 01 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FRIENDSHIP | Bladen | 1976 | 1995 | 1 | 01 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| GALEED BAPTIST CHURC | BLADEN | 1876 | 1989 | 1 | 01 | 19 | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| GRACE | Bladen | 1959 | 1957 | 1 | 01 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| HICKORY GROVE | Bladen | 1834 | 1976 | 1 | 01 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| LISBON | Bladen | 1870 | 1996 | 2 | 01 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| LOVE GROVE | BLADEN | 1872 | 1992 | 2 | 01 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NATMOORE | Bladen | 1862 | | 1 | 01 | 14 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| NEW CENTER | BLADEN | 1947 | 1986 | 1 | 01 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| NORTHSIDE | Bladen | 1954 | 1985 | 3 | 01 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| PEACE BAPTIST | Bladen | 1989 | 1991 | 3 | 01 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| RICHARDSON | Bladen | 1914 | 1987 | 1 | 01 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RIVERSIDE | Bladen | 1924 | 1996 | 1 | 01 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SANDY GROVE BAPTIST | Bladen | 1873 | 1995 | 1 | 01 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| SHADY GROVE | BLADEN | 1885 | 1996 | 1 | 01 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUGGS GROVE BAPTIST | Bladen | 1832 | 1980 | 1 | 01 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| TAR HEEL BAPTIST CHU | BLADEN | 1872 | 1991 | 1 | 01 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| WEST BLADENBORO | Bladen | 1917 | 1993 | 3 | 01 | 12 | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| WHITE LAKE | Bladen | 1832 | 1989 | 2 | 01 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| WHITE OAK | Bladen | 1859 | 1991 | 2 | 01 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| WHITES CREEK | Bladen | 1914 | 1992 | 1 | 01 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| ZION HILL | BLADEN | 1885 | 1992 | 1 | 01 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | | | | | | 188 | 2 | 22 | 38 |

For 1995-96 Associational Year

d-Baptisms Age 12-17
e-Baptisms Age 18-29
f-Baptisms Age 30-59
g-Baptisms Age 60 & Up
6-College Student Baptisms
7-Other Additions
8-Members Lost
9-Total Membership
a-Resident Members
b-Nonresident Members
10-New Member Training

| 5d | 5e | 5f | 5g | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 9a | 9b | 10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 169 | 107 | 62 | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 101 | 70 | 31 | 0 |
| 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 363 | 293 | 70 | 0 |
| 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 13 | 424 | 285 | 139 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 121 | 83 | 38 | 0 |
| 7 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 188 | 108 | 80 | 0 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 382 | 268 | 114 | 0 |
| 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 359 | 205 | 154 | 5 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 90 | 47 | 43 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 86 | 71 | 15 | 0 |
| 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 12 | 419 | 359 | 60 | 12 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 415 | 395 | 20 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 78 | 71 | 7 | 0 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 3 | 116 | 89 | 27 | 0 |
| 4 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 7 | 545 | 406 | 139 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 82 | 70 | 12 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 290 | 270 | 20 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 164 | 96 | 68 | 3 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 112 | 70 | 42 | 0 |
| 5 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 109 | 65 | 44 | 0 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 158 | 108 | 50 | 0 |
| 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 12 | 256 | 256 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 37 | 37 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 54 | 34 | 20 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 224 | 164 | 60 | 0 |
| 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 6 | 319 | 224 | 95 | 6 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 230 | 177 | 53 | 0 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 172 | 120 | 52 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 276 | 197 | 79 | 4 |
| 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 237 | 188 | 49 | 9 |
| 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 217 | 142 | 75 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 191 | 122 | 69 | 0 |
| 3 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 258 | 203 | 55 | 12 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 196 | 146 | 50 | 4 |
| 54 | 47 | 19 | 6 | 2 | 128 | 164 | 7438 | 5546 | 1892 | 56 |

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

ASSOCIATION
BLADEN BAPT ASSN

STATE
North Carolina

11-Total SS Enrollment
a-Preschool Birth
b-Children 6-11
c-Youth 12-17
d-Adults 18-24
e-Adults 25-34
f-Adults 35-54
g-Adults 55 & Up
h-Special Education

| Church | 11 | 11a | 11b | 11c | 11d | 11e | 11f | 11g | 11h |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG BAPTIST | 73 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 35 | 0 |
| BEARDS CHAPEL | 73 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 13 | 16 | 17 | 0 |
| BETHEL | 165 | 15 | 18 | 22 | 21 | 29 | 35 | 22 | 0 |
| BLADENBORO FIRST BAP | 260 | 20 | 18 | 14 | 7 | 30 | 65 | 58 | 0 |
| BRIAR BRANCH | 73 | 0 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 20 | 20 |
| BUTTERS | 135 | 8 | 21 | 25 | 6 | 23 | 19 | 23 | 0 |
| CENTER ROAD | 179 | 27 | 26 | 17 | 11 | 20 | 24 | 49 | 0 |
| CLARKTON | 163 | 16 | 12 | 27 | 0 | 20 | 26 | 53 | 0 |
| COUNCIL | 38 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 19 | 0 |
| CYPRESS CREEK | 56 | 3 | 4 | 16 | 0 | 4 | 11 | 15 | 0 |
| DUBLIN | 188 | 5 | 29 | 38 | 12 | 23 | 23 | 53 | 0 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | 257 | 42 | 39 | 19 | 0 | 10 | 22 | 96 | 0 |
| FAITH | 19 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 |
| FRIENDSHIP | 82 | 10 | 5 | 18 | 6 | 7 | 16 | 16 | 0 |
| GALEED BAPTIST CHURC | 378 | 38 | 57 | 51 | 19 | 91 | 64 | 53 | 0 |
| GRACE | 88 | 7 | 14 | 6 | 15 | 5 | 15 | 22 | 0 |
| HICKORY GROVE | 142 | 13 | 21 | 19 | 24 | 16 | 20 | 25 | 0 |
| LISBON | 71 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 14 | 23 | 0 |
| LOVE GROVE | 67 | 12 | 11 | 9 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| NATMOORE | 55 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 18 | 15 | 0 |
| NEW CENTER | 62 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 3 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 0 |
| NORTHSIDE | 198 | 33 | 13 | 27 | 18 | 40 | 26 | 38 | 0 |
| PEACE BAPTIST | 21 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 11 | 0 |
| RICHARDSON | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 13 | 0 |
| RIVERSIDE | 57 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 18 | 0 |
| SANDY GROVE BAPTIST | 153 | 18 | 23 | 13 | 11 | 13 | 14 | 56 | 0 |
| SHADY GROVE | 101 | 7 | 14 | 16 | 0 | 7 | 15 | 26 | 0 |
| SUGGS GROVE BAPTIST | 91 | 14 | 14 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 20 | 12 | 0 |
| TAR HEEL BAPTIST CHU | 159 | 24 | 20 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 36 | 49 | 0 |
| WEST BLADENBORO | 150 | 14 | 12 | 15 | 13 | 18 | 20 | 46 | 0 |
| WHITE LAKE | 72 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 18 | 26 | 0 |
| WHITE OAK | 98 | 6 | 10 | 22 | 0 | 15 | 15 | 26 | 0 |
| WHITES CREEK | 129 | 16 | 11 | 16 | 6 | 9 | 44 | 24 | 0 |
| ZION HILL | 133 | 30 | 19 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 15 | 34 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 4006 | 413 | 463 | 481 | 244 | 487 | 667 | 1019 | 20 |

For 1995-96 Associational Year

i-Homebound
j-General Officers
k-Other Bible Study
12-SS Average Weekly Attendance
13-New SS Members
14-SS College Students
15-SS Single Adults
16-SS Not Church Members
17-Vacation Bible School
18-Backyard Bible Clubs

| 11i | 11j | 11k | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 4 | 0 | 42 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 0 |
| 0 | 3 | 0 | 43 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 38 | 0 |
| 0 | 3 | 0 | 84 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 71 | 0 |
| 42 | 6 | 0 | 150 | 0 | 7 | 37 | 32 | 105 | 0 |
| 0 | 3 | 0 | 31 | 22 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 0 |
| 0 | 10 | 0 | 84 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 79 | 0 |
| 0 | 5 | 0 | 102 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 75 | 0 |
| 7 | 2 | 0 | 88 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 163 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 0 |
| 0 | 3 | 0 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 5 | 0 | 109 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 95 | 0 |
| 19 | 10 | 0 | 125 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 134 | 0 |
| 0 | 3 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| 0 | 4 | 0 | 46 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 58 | 0 |
| 0 | 5 | 0 | 224 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 12 | 282 | 45 |
| 0 | 4 | 0 | 65 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 50 | 0 |
| 0 | 4 | 0 | 107 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 16 | 93 | 0 |
| 0 | 3 | 0 | 42 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 36 | 0 |
| 0 | 2 | 0 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 62 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 2 | 0 | 51 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 72 | 0 |
| 0 | 3 | 0 | 133 | 15 | 5 | 0 | 20 | 162 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 45 | 0 |
| 0 | 10 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 2 | 0 | 57 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 0 |
| 0 | 5 | 0 | 102 | 15 | 5 | 11 | 13 | 75 | 0 |
| 12 | 4 | 0 | 60 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 15 | 58 | 0 |
| 4 | 4 | 0 | 51 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 77 | 0 |
| 0 | 2 | 0 | 101 | 13 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 94 | 50 |
| 0 | 4 | 8 | 78 | 9 | 2 | 9 | 10 | 182 | 18 |
| 0 | 4 | 0 | 44 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 62 | 0 |
| 0 | 4 | 0 | 49 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 0 |
| 0 | 3 | 0 | 72 | 22 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 110 | 0 |
| 0 | 2 | 0 | 74 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 87 | 55 |
| 84 | 130 | 8 | 2392 | 207 | 86 | 107 | 191 | 2618 | 168 |

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION

ASSOCIATION
BLADEN BAPT ASSN

STATE
North Carolina

19-TOTAL ONGOING DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING
a-Ongoing Preschool B-5
b-Ongoing Children 6-11
c-Ongoing Youth 12-17
d-Ongoing Adults 18 & Up
e-General Officers

| Church | 19 | 19a | 19b | 19c | 19d | 19e |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG BAPTIST | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BEARDS CHAPEL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BETHEL | 78 | 7 | 18 | 13 | 38 | 2 |
| BLADENBORO FIRST BAP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BRIAR BRANCH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BUTTERS | 60 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 40 | 2 |
| CENTER ROAD | 87 | 4 | 13 | 5 | 61 | 4 |
| CLARKTON | 77 | 0 | 6 | 39 | 31 | 1 |
| COUNCIL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CYPRESS CREEK | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DUBLIN | 70 | 8 | 8 | 20 | 32 | 2 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FAITH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FRIENDSHIP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GALEED BAPTIST CHURC | 200 | 30 | 20 | 50 | 95 | 5 |
| GRACE | 35 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 25 | 3 |
| HICKORY GROVE | 76 | 3 | 2 | 20 | 48 | 3 |
| LISBON | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LOVE GROVE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NATMOORE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NEW CENTER | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NORTHSIDE | 70 | 14 | 9 | 12 | 32 | 3 |
| PEACE BAPTIST | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RICHARDSON | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RIVERSIDE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SANDY GROVE BAPTIST | 60 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 40 | 8 |
| SHADY GROVE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUGGS GROVE BAPTIST | 77 | 12 | 17 | 17 | 31 | 0 |
| TAR HEEL BAPTIST CHU | 50 | 3 | 10 | 6 | 28 | 3 |
| WEST BLADENBORO | 27 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 9 | 2 |
| WHITE LAKE | 31 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 25 | 1 |
| WHITE OAK | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WHITES CREEK | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ZION HILL | 62 | 15 | 12 | 5 | 25 | 5 |
| TOTALS | 1060 | 99 | 129 | 228 | 560 | 44 |

For 1995-96 Associational Year

20-TOTAL SHORT-TERM DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING
a-Short-Term Preschool
b-Short-Term Children
c-Short-Term Youth
d-Short-Term Adults
19+20-TOTAL DT ENROLLMENT/PARTICIPATION
21-TeamKid Clubs

| 20 | 20a | 20b | 20c | 20d | 19+20 | 21 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 0 |
| 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 0 |
| 7 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 84 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 70 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 270 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 0 |
| 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 84 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 88 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 77 | 0 |
| 47 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 31 | 97 | 0 |
| 210 | 10 | 10 | 32 | 158 | 237 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 62 | 0 |
| 383 | 20 | 21 | 39 | 303 | 1443 | 0 |

MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION

ASSOCIATION
BLADEN BAPT ASSN

STATE
North Carolina

22-TOTAL MUSIC MINISTRY ENROLLMENT
a-Preschool 3 Years
b-Preschool 4-5 Years
c-Children 6-8 Years
d-Children 9-11 Years
e-Youth 12-17 Years

| Church | 22 | 22a | 22b | 22c | 22d | 22e |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG BAPTIST | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BEARDS CHAPEL | 10 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| BETHEL | 92 | 0 | 8 | 12 | 13 | 31 |
| BLADENBORO FIRST BAP | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BRIAR BRANCH | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BUTTERS | 42 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 7 |
| CENTER ROAD | 93 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 13 |
| CLARKTON | 65 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 20 |
| COUNCIL | 23 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| CYPRESS CREEK | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| DUBLIN | 55 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | 110 | 0 | 2 | 13 | 8 | 3 |
| FAITH | 26 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FRIENDSHIP | 47 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 5 |
| GALEED BAPTIST CHURC | 168 | 12 | 10 | 15 | 22 | 28 |
| GRACE | 26 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 3 |
| HICKORY GROVE | 73 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 12 |
| LISBON | 22 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| LOVE GROVE | 26 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| NATMOORE | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| NEW CENTER | 25 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| NORTHSIDE | 61 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 16 |
| PEACE BAPTIST | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RICHARDSON | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RIVERSIDE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SANDY GROVE BAPTIST | 55 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 10 |
| SHADY GROVE | 53 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 14 |
| SUGGS GROVE BAPTIST | 52 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 8 |
| TAR HEEL BAPTIST CHU | 50 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| WEST BLADENBORO | 49 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 13 |
| WHITE LAKE | 19 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| WHITE OAK | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WHITES CREEK | 67 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 8 |
| ZION HILL | 32 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 1449 | 44 | 60 | 124 | 134 | 226 |

For 1995-96 Associational Year

f-Adult Choir 18 & Up
g-Separate Senior Adult Choir
h-Handbells
i-Vocal Ensembles
j-Instrumental Ensembles

| 22f | 22g | 22h | 22i | 22j |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| 21 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 52 | 10 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| 18 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 6 |
| 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 16 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 4 |
| 26 | 24 | 31 | 3 | 0 |
| 15 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| 16 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 2 |
| 45 | 16 | 0 | 9 | 11 |
| 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 28 | 12 | 0 | 6 | 1 |
| 12 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 24 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| 17 | 10 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| 20 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 12 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| 18 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 2 |
| 13 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 584 | 76 | 61 | 110 | 30 |

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION AND BROTHERHOOD INFORMATION

ASSOCIATION
BLADEN BAPT ASSN

STATE
North Carolina

23-TOTAL WMU ENROLLMENT
a-Mission Friends
b-Girls in Action 6-11 Years
c-Acteens 12-17 Years
d-Women on Mission
e-WMU Leadership Team
f-Children in Action
g-Youth on Mission
h-Adults on Mission

| Church | 23 | 23a | 23b | 23c | 23d | 23e | 23f | 23g | 23h |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG BAPTIST | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BEARDS CHAPEL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BETHEL | 39 | 8 | 14 | 5 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BLADENBORO FIRST BAP | 52 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 38 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BRIAR BRANCH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BUTTERS | 31 | 0 | 12 | 3 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CENTER ROAD | 49 | 8 | 15 | 6 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CLARKTON | 45 | 3 | 9 | 11 | 17 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| COUNCIL | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CYPRESS CREEK | 24 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 16 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DUBLIN | 41 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 21 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | 35 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FAITH | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FRIENDSHIP | 14 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GALEED BAPTIST CHURC | 118 | 40 | 19 | 15 | 40 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GRACE | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| HICKORY GROVE | 43 | 7 | 10 | 8 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LISBON | 13 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LOVE GROVE | 27 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| NATMOORE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NEW CENTER | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NORTHSIDE | 37 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PEACE BAPTIST | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| RICHARDSON | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RIVERSIDE | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SANDY GROVE BAPTIST | 32 | 6 | 11 | 7 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SHADY GROVE | 34 | 3 | 11 | 0 | 14 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUGGS GROVE BAPTIST | 64 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 8 | 17 | 17 | 0 |
| TAR HEEL BAPTIST CHU | 38 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WEST BLADENBORO | 52 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 23 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WHITE LAKE | 18 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WHITE OAK | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WHITES CREEK | 38 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 20 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ZION HILL | 63 | 18 | 10 | 3 | 29 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 980 | 132 | 175 | 115 | 413 | 81 | 17 | 17 | 30 |

For 1995-96 Associational Yea

24-TOTAL BROTHERHOOD ENROLLMENT
a-Ages 6-8
b-Ages 9-11
c-Ages 12-17
d-Ages 18 & Up
25-EZRA Enrollment
26-World Changers
27-Mission Projects
28-Mission Action Groups
24+26+27+28 Total Brotherhood Enrollment/Participation

| 24 | 24a | 24b | 24c | 24d | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | TOTAL ENR/PART |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 18 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 4 | 32 |
| 31 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 18 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| 25 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 30 | 78 |
| 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 28 | 10 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 |
| 10 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 20 |
| 42 | 11 | 12 | 7 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 15 | 92 |
| 23 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| 19 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 10 | 25 |
| 20 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 50 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 70 |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 24 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| 9 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 25 | 15 | 55 |
| 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| 18 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| 32 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 19 | 69 |
| 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| 12 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 24 |
| 25 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 35 |
| 23 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 31 |
| 488 | 57 | 97 | 68 | 258 | 11 | 6 | 189 | 101 | 784 |

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ASSOCIATION
BLADEN BAPT ASSN

STATE
North Carolina

31-Total Receipts
32-Undesignated Gifts
33-Designated Gifts
34-Total Local Expenditures
35-New Construction

| Church | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG BAPTIST | 48917 | 44405 | 4512 | 39579 | 0 |
| BEARDS CHAPEL | 32930 | 1143 | 10773 | 18636 | 0 |
| BETHEL | 72454 | 67967 | 4487 | 64046 | 0 |
| BLADENBORO FIRST BAP | 208369 | 175227 | 33142 | 88853 | 0 |
| BRIAR BRANCH | 25522 | 25522 | 0 | 13015 | 0 |
| BUTTERS | 46098 | 1707 | 5232 | 39326 | 0 |
| CENTER ROAD | 200065 | 182550 | 17515 | 116765 | 0 |
| CLARKTON | 127990 | 108820 | 19170 | 101561 | 0 |
| COUNCIL | 22349 | 19024 | 3325 | 23096 | 0 |
| CYPRESS CREEK | 40247 | 36997 | 3250 | 46463 | 0 |
| DUBLIN | 111825 | 22146 | 11422 | 98581 | 0 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | 283512 | 238998 | 44514 | 268397 | 0 |
| FAITH | 26436 | 25465 | 1221 | 22402 | 0 |
| FRIENDSHIP | 65067 | 60457 | 4510 | 53772 | 18000 |
| GALEED BAPTIST CHURC | 298826 | 171878 | 126948 | 401346 | 261035 |
| GRACE | 31574 | 31223 | 351 | 28197 | 0 |
| HICKORY GROVE | 102140 | 94719 | 7420 | 107184 | 0 |
| LISBON | 56741 | 52767 | 3972 | 81425 | 41674 |
| LOVE GROVE | 34945 | 34945 | 34945 | 39097 | 10400 |
| NATMOORE | 9965 | 7501 | 2464 | 0 | 0 |
| NEW CENTER | 37628 | 24680 | 12947 | 24833 | 6209 |
| NORTHSIDE | 153225 | 149927 | 3298 | 144991 | 0 |
| PEACE BAPTIST | 0 | 1410 | 1750 | 0 | 0 |
| RICHARDSON | 16016 | 15278 | 738 | 14291 | 0 |
| RIVERSIDE | 84570 | 684 | 77748 | 31086 | 0 |
| SANDY GROVE BAPTIST | 106909 | 100172 | 6737 | 91480 | 0 |
| SHADY GROVE | 94729 | 83509 | 11220 | 58767 | 0 |
| SUGGS GROVE BAPTIST | 98709 | 57567 | 5792 | 71755 | 0 |
| TAR HEEL BAPTIST CHU | 112355 | 89794 | 22560 | 100975 | 0 |
| WEST BLADENBORO | 63473 | 59083 | 4390 | 52688 | 0 |
| WHITE LAKE | 87590 | 64561 | 23029 | 72327 | 0 |
| WHITE OAK | 68447 | 49421 | 19026 | 69103 | 0 |
| WHITES CREEK | 112014 | 56011 | 56003 | 103754 | 0 |
| ZION HILL | 97879 | 90510 | 7369 | 72232 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 2979516 | 2246068 | 591780 | 2560023 | 337318 |

For 1995-96 Associational Year

36-Church Literature
44-Value-Church Property
45-Money Borrowed
46-Church Debt

| 36 | 44 | 45 | 46 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1462 | 380000 | 0 | 0 |
| 1178 | 150000 | 0 | 0 |
| 2859 | 10000000 | 0 | 0 |
| 6204 | 1090000 | 0 | 0 |
| 1485 | 200000 | 0 | 0 |
| 1682 | 250000 | 0 | 0 |
| 14454 | 585000 | 0 | 0 |
| 6068 | 600000 | 0 | 0 |
| 1260 | 93000 | 0 | 0 |
| 726 | 288000 | 0 | 0 |
| 6691 | 900000 | 0 | 0 |
| 14585 | 1125000 | 0 | 0 |
| 265 | 100000 | 0 | 0 |
| 2149 | 490000 | 18110 | 15400 |
| 12044 | 1670000 | 400000 | 385559 |
| 896 | 125000 | 0 | 0 |
| 6097 | 584000 | 0 | 0 |
| 6984 | 150000 | 12000 | 12000 |
| 1161 | 170000 | 0 | 0 |
| 388 | 125000 | 0 | 0 |
| 2622 | 117000 | 0 | 0 |
| 2663 | 532000 | 0 | 0 |
| 225 | 50000 | 50000 | 50000 |
| 357 | 128000 | 0 | 0 |
| 1917 | 340000 | 0 | 0 |
| 3758 | 450000 | 0 | 0 |
| 3350 | 432150 | 0 | 0 |
| 3439 | 600000 | 0 | 0 |
| 4428 | 695000 | 0 | 0 |
| 3250 | 442000 | 0 | 0 |
| 1204 | 300000 | 0 | 0 |
| 3256 | 736000 | 0 | 0 |
| 3918 | 452150 | 30000 | 19791 |
| 7712 | 520000 | 0 | 0 |
| 130737 | 24869300 | 510110 | 482750 |

MISSION EXPENDITURES

ASSOCIATION
BLADEN BAPT ASSN

STATE
North Carolina

37-TOTAL SBC Mission Expenditures
38-Cooperative Program
39-Associational Missions
40-State Missions
41-Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

| Church | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG BAPTIST | 7252 | 4449 | 2220 | 202 | 81 |
| BEARDS CHAPEL | 1200 | 600 | 600 | 0 | 0 |
| BETHEL | 5500 | 1000 | 2000 | 500 | 1000 |
| BLADENBORO FIRST BAP | 34019 | 21021 | 6013 | 1172 | 1898 |
| BRIAR BRANCH | 600 | 230 | 600 | 0 | 0 |
| BUTTERS | 3571 | 1200 | 1200 | 170 | 585 |
| CENTER ROAD | 43362 | 30080 | 3206 | 0 | 4249 |
| CLARKTON | 34007 | 25193 | 3500 | 225 | 1989 |
| COUNCIL | 3325 | 369 | 1200 | 25 | 500 |
| CYPRESS CREEK | 3372 | 0 | 1480 | 0 | 725 |
| DUBLIN | 7452 | 1100 | 550 | 1063 | 876 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | 36700 | 22000 | 8000 | 1467 | 2846 |
| FAITH | 2016 | 350 | 745 | 180 | 176 |
| FRIENDSHIP | 8162 | 911 | 1825 | 0 | 90 |
| GALEED BAPTIST CHURC | 41454 | 18143 | 5416 | 3428 | 2867 |
| GRACE | 680 | 616 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| HICKORY GROVE | 12582 | 7500 | 1000 | 600 | 1375 |
| LISBON | 2012 | 1498 | 375 | 450 | 0 |
| LOVE GROVE | 4643 | 1182 | 750 | 385 | 192 |
| NATMOORE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NEW CENTER | 1256 | 300 | 200 | 146 | 250 |
| NORTHSIDE | 14128 | 8664 | 2166 | 929 | 1058 |
| PEACE BAPTIST | 0 | 300 | 0 | 120 | 50 |
| RICHARDSON | 2268 | 500 | 600 | 150 | 487 |
| RIVERSIDE | 6380 | 558 | 2148 | 0 | 1650 |
| SANDY GROVE BAPTIST | 7259 | 3744 | 2600 | 0 | 262 |
| SHADY GROVE | 10917 | 5500 | 2400 | 823 | 1033 |
| SUGGS GROVE BAPTIST | 6097 | 1260 | 1500 | 0 | 1000 |
| TAR HEEL BAPTIST CHU | 10250 | 2569 | 2508 | 946 | 1324 |
| WEST BLADENBORO | 6682 | 1170 | 1000 | 400 | 801 |
| WHITE LAKE | 8503 | 3500 | 3252 | 200 | 300 |
| WHITE OAK | 10791 | 2800 | 1500 | 114 | 1131 |
| WHITES CREEK | 4685 | 1107 | 1927 | 343 | 406 |
| ZION HILL | 11157 | 4500 | 2600 | 1500 | 932 |
| TOTALS | 352282 | 173914 | 65081 | 15538 | 30133 |

For 1995-96 Associational Year

42-Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
43-Other Mission Expenditures

| 42 | 43 |
|---|---|
| 300 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 |
| 1000 | 2343 |
| 3254 | 661 |
| 0 | 0 |
| 416 | 3201 |
| 5826 | 8236 |
| 3100 | 0 |
| 532 | 0 |
| 1022 | 145 |
| 3563 | 300 |
| 2357 | 3000 |
| 315 | 1675 |
| 227 | 3840 |
| 2940 | 8660 |
| 72 | 0 |
| 2107 | 1320 |
| 1400 | 500 |
| 295 | 325 |
| 0 | 3244 |
| 360 | 856 |
| 1312 | 7029 |
| 50 | 150 |
| 531 | 0 |
| 1732 | 9421 |
| 646 | 0 |
| 918 | 1414 |
| 1865 | 472 |
| 2320 | 619 |
| 1103 | 434 |
| 1251 | 1524 |
| 2515 | 66 |
| 902 | 351 |
| 1625 | 0 |
| 45856 | 59786 |

SPECIAL INFORMATION

ASSOCIATION
BLADEN BAPT ASSN

STATE
North Carolina

47-AM Worship Service Attendance
48-PM Worship Service Attendance
49-Church-Related Vocations
50-Senior Adult Ministry
51-Mission Project Volunteers
52-Support Groups

| Church | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG BAPTIST | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BEARDS CHAPEL | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BETHEL | 100 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BLADENBORO FIRST BAP | 175 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BRIAR BRANCH | 26 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| BUTTERS | 84 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CENTER ROAD | 125 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CLARKTON | 97 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| COUNCIL | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| CYPRESS CREEK | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DUBLIN | 109 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | 168 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| FAITH | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FRIENDSHIP | 75 | 91 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GALEED BAPTIST CHURC | 256 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 1 |
| GRACE | 60 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| HICKORY GROVE | 95 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LISBON | 94 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| LOVE GROVE | 50 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NATMOORE | 44 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NEW CENTER | 46 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NORTHSIDE | 152 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| PEACE BAPTIST | 15 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RICHARDSON | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RIVERSIDE | 50 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SANDY GROVE BAPTIST | 96 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SHADY GROVE | 60 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUGGS GROVE BAPTIST | 51 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| TAR HEEL BAPTIST CHU | 102 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 0 |
| WEST BLADENBORO | 100 | 55 | 0 | 35 | 18 | 0 |
| WHITE LAKE | 45 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WHITE OAK | 51 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WHITES CREEK | 125 | 55 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| ZION HILL | 85 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 2690 | 630 | 3 | 78 | 60 | 4 |

For 1995-96 Associational Year

53-Evangelistic Visitation (Y/N)
54-Bible Study at Other Times (Y/N)
55-SS Workers' Meetings (Y/N)
56-Give to associational Missions on a Percentage Basis (Y/N)
57-Intercessory Prayer Ministry (Y/N)
58-Community Ministries (Y/N)

| 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| N | N | N | Y | N | N |
| N | Y | N | N | N | N |
| N | N | N | N | Y | N |
| N | N | Y | Y | N | N |
| Y | Y | N | N | N | Y |
| N | N | N | Y | N | N |
| N | N | N | Y | N | Y |
| N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| N | N | N | N | N | N |
| N | N | Y | Y | Y | N |
| N | N | Y | N | N | N |
| N | N | Y | Y | N | N |
| N | N | N | Y | Y | N |
| N | N | Y | Y | N | Y |
| N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y |
| N | N | N | N | N | Y |
| N | N | Y | N | Y | Y |
| N | N | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Y | N | N | N | N | N |
| N | Y | N | N | N | N |
| N | N | N | N | N | N |
| N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| N | N | N | N | N | N |
| Y | Y | N | Y | N | Y |
| N | Y | Y | Y | N | N |
| Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y |
| N | Y | N | N | N | N |
| N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| N | N | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| N | Y | N | Y | N | Y |
| N | N | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Y | Y | N | N | N | Y |
| Y | Y | Y | N | Y | |

MISSION INFORMATION For 1995-96 Associational Year

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STATE
North Carolina

29-Church-Type Missions Started
30-Church-Type Missions Operating
a-Mission Members
b-Baptisms at Missions

| Churches | 29 | 30 | 30a | 30b |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG BAPTIST C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BEARDS CHAPEL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BETHEL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BLADENBORO FIRST BAPT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BRIAR BRANCH | 1 | 1 | 18 | 0 |
| BUTTERS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CENTER ROAD | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CLARKTON | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| COUNCIL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CYPRESS CREEK | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DUBLIN | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FAITH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FRIENDSHIP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GALEED BAPTIST CHURCH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GRACE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| HICKORY GROVE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LISBON | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LOVE GROVE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NATMOORE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NEW CENTER | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NORTHSIDE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PEACE BAPTIST | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RICHARDSON | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RIVERSIDE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SANDY GROVE BAPTIST C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SHADY GROVE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUGGS GROVE BAPTIST C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TAR HEEL BAPTIST CHUR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WEST BLADENBORO | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WHITE LAKE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WHITE OAK | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WHITES CREEK | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ZION HILL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 1 | 1 | 18 | 0 |

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**and**

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**October 26, 1998**

**and**

**Clarkton First Baptist**
**October 27, 1998**

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# PROCEEDINGS

## One-Hundred-Sixth Annual Session of the BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION October 28 and 29, 1997

*Theme: "Live The Faith - Start Something New" (Philippians 3:13,14)*

**Tuesday Evening**
**October 28, 1997**
**Center Road Baptist Church**

The One-Hundred-Sixth Annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association meeting at Center Road Baptist Church began at 6:30 P.M. with Pre-Session Registration. The "Love One Another" puppet team from Clarkton Baptist Church presented an inspirational program during the registration period. The regular session began at 7:00 P.M. with Moderator Michael Thompson presiding.

Moderator Thompson called upon DOM Roberts who presented a video emphasizing the "Live The Faith - Start Something New" theme, and inspired messengers to start something new in their church. Testimonies were given by Misses Arlene Smith, Amy Smith and Laura Thompson, who went to Mundo Vista recently to serve as counselors at the camp. They expressed how they were blessed from the experience and challenged others to volunteer at Mundo Vista with "starting something new". Rev. David Elks, Elizabethtown Baptist pastor, shared an experience their church had with a new project called "World Changers". He expressed that it was "his world" that had changed with the project and shared how others in his church had received a great inspirational experience.

Moderator Thompson called for the enrollment of messengers report. The clerk reported eighty-six messengers and forty-five visitors registered, thus making a total of one-hundred and thirty present. The clerk made the motion that these messengers now registered and those who register later comprise the 106th Annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association meeting at Center Road Church on Tuesday, October28, 1997 and Friendship Church on Wednesday, October 29, 1997. The motion received a second and so carried.

Moderator Thompson moved that the program as outlined in the Book of Reports for the evening session at Center Road and day session at Friendship be adopted. Rev. Darryll Hester seconded the motion and it carried.

Moderator Thompson called upon DOM Roberts to introduce and welcome the new pastors who had joined the association since last year. They were as follows: Rev. David Elks, Elizabethtown; Rev. Ray Wilkins, Natmoore (not present); Rev. Warren Hill, White's Creek (not present); Rev. Donald Coley, Dublin First; Rev. Tommy Bryant, interim Council (not present); Rev. Lorenzo Torres, Hispanic Mission.

Moderator Thompson introduced Mr. Larry Sawyer from Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. He spoke of the services rendered children at the Baptist Children's Homes.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

**Constitution & By-Laws:** Mrs. Josie Carroll, member of the committee, recommended the rule of reading the new proposed constitution be suspended due to the length of the recommendation. (Each messenger had received a written copy of the document upon registering). The messengers were urged to

read the proposal and be prepared to vote on the issue at the session tomorrow. The motion carried.

**Preacher & Place:** Moderator Thompson appointed the following to serve on the committee and to report back to the session tomorrow: Rev. James Brooks, Mr. Charles Little and Rev. Bruce Cannon.

**Resolutions:** Moderator Thompson appointed Rev. Bob Boone, Rev. Aaron Brooks and Rev. Paul Forrester to serve on the committee. He requested if anyone wanted a resolution presented to report to the committee by 11 o'clock at tomorrow morning session in writing.

**Executive:** The clerk presented the following recommendation from this committee: On July 22, 1997 The Executive Committee of Bladen Baptist Association voted to recommend the following recommendation to the 1997 annual session: "That the 1998 annual meeting begin with a Monday night session, October 26, 1998 wisth registration at 6:45 p.m. and continue Tuesday afternoon, October 27, 1998 from 3:00 till 5:30 p.m. followed by supper and a concluding night session from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., further that the by-laws V, Section A1 of the new proposed by-laws pertaining to time of the annual session be suspended for one year to accommodate such change in meeting time; further that the executive board be given authority to review and extend this supension until a change in the by-laws can be made, if deemed to be in the best interest of the association, otherwise the association shall revert back to the annual meeting time as it is now stated in the by-laws. The motion carried.

Moderator Thompson led in prayer followed by the congregation singing the hymn, "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus". Rev. Bruce Cannon delivered the annual sermon entitled "Price Tag of Living the Faith." The session was recessed to reconvene on Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. at Friendship Baptist Church. Rev. Cannon dismissed with prayer and alter call.

## Wednesday Morning
## October 29, 1997
## Friendship Baptist Church

The 106th Annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association reconvened at 9:15 a.m. at Friendship Baptist Church with 72 registered messengers and 3 visitors, making a total of 75 present. Moderator Thompson recognized DOM Roberts who presented a Video emphasizing the theme, "Live the Faith - Start Something New" followed by testimonies from Zion Hill Church and Rev. Steve Butler of Briar Branch Church. Zion Hill started a food bank to help the hungry. Rev. Butler's church had a vision to start a new Hispanic Mission.

**Director of Missions Report:** DOM Roberts presented report as recorded on page 30 of the Book of Reports.

Director of Music, Rev. Darryll Hester, led in singing the chorus "People Need The Lord". Rev. Mark Forrester, welcomed everyone and led in devotion and prayer. The scripture was taken from Phil. 3:13-14. The congregation sang "Footsteps of Jesus".

Moderator Thompson recognized the following departments to give reports:

**WMU:** Mrs. Elizabeth Bryan presented the report as recorded on page 33 of the Book of Reports.

**Brotherhood:** Mr. Ewin Davis presented the report as recorded on page 34 of the Book of Reports.

**Mission Development:** Rev. Bruce Cannon reported. See page 31 of the Book of Reports.

**Discipleship Training:** DOM Roberts reported in the absence of Mrs. Etta Smith. See page 32 of the Book of Reports. M Night will be at Tar Heel Church on 11-14-97 at 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday School:** Dr. Mike Thompson reported. See page 32 of Book of Reports.

**Music:** Rev. Darryll Hester reported. See page 35 of the Book of Reports. He also reported there will be a music school in the future at Zion Hill Church. Mr. Charles Story shared his willingness to go the churches to help with the music program.

The congregation sang the hymn, "Do You Really Care", led by Rev. Darryll Hester.

**Christian Action League:** Mr. Johnny Henderson, Director, presented greetings from the League. See page 49 of Book of Reports.

**State Baptist Convention:** Mr. Richard Brunson brought greetings from N.C. Baptist Men. He spoke about the various mission projects through the State Convention. DOM Roberts commented on the services rendered by the dental medical van, which was provided by the State Baptist men. He also remarked on the training men received from the disaster recovery ministry.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

**Hispanic Ministry Committee:** Rev. Bruce Cannon presented a recommendation from the committee (See attachment 1). The recommendation was approved with an unanimous vote.

The session adjourned for a 10 minute break at 11:10 a.m., which the session re-convened to enter into the morning worship service. The congregation samg the hymn "Take My Life, Lead Me Lord", led by Rev. Darryll Hester. Dr. Michael Thompson rendered the Moderator's message. The session recessed at 12:00 noon. Rev. Mark Forrester led in prayer.

## Wednesday Afternoon
## October 29, 1997
## Friendship Baptist Church

The Bladen Baptist Annual Associational Session re-assembled at 1:00 p.m. with viewing a video presented by DOM Roberts which continued to emphasize the theme, "Live The Faith - Start Something New." Mr. Ewin Davis gave a testimony of the new project the Brotherhood Department had undertaken.

He shared the plans made thus far on the multi-purpose building for the Hispanic ministry.

**Memorial:** Mrs. Thelma Barnes presented the memorial by reading the names of the members who had deceased during 1996-97 associational year. (See "In Memorial")

Rev. Bob Gray led in scripture reading taken from Romans 12:1-2 and in prayer, after which the congregation sang the chorus, "People Need the Lord."

Moderator Thompson called for the committee reports as follows:

**Nominating:** Rev. Darryll Hester presented report as recorded on pages 3, 4, 5 & 6 of Book of Reports. On page 4 he announced that Rev. Aaron Brooks will be Music Director. Director Hester made a motion that the officers listed be accepted as reported and that the vacant positions, as filled, be accepted. The motion was carried.

**Finance:** Mr. David Clark submitted the finance report and proposed budget for coming year as recorded on pages 58 & 59 of Book of Reports. The report was approved as presented.

**Preacher & Place:** Rev. Bruce Cannon made a recommendation that the 107th Annual Session be held on Monday evening at Galeed Baptist Church and on Tuesday afternoon and evening at Clarkton First Baptist Church. The preacher will be Rev. Oren Honeycutt, Faith - Alternate-Rev. Dewey Jackson, Abbottsburg.

**Resolutions:** Rev. Bob Boone presented two resolutions as follows: (1) Resolution of Appreciation of Center Road Baptist Church and Friendship Baptist Church:

Whereas: The Bladen Baptist Association met for its 106th Session with Center Road Baptist Church and Friendship Baptist Church on October 28-29, 1997 and;

Whereas: The pastor, and people of both Center Road Baptist Church and Friendship Baptist Church has sought to provide for our every comfort and need while with them, and;

Whereas, Their cooperation with the association including but not limited to their willingness to host segments of this year's annual session is commendable;

Be It Resolved, That we, the messengers to this 106th Session of the Bladen Baptist Association express our appreciation to both the aforesaid churches.

Be It Further Resolved, That we pray that Fod will give to them fruit for their labors. (2) Resolution of Appreciation for Leadership With A Vision:

Whereas: The word of God states very clearly that without a vision, the people perish, and;

Whereas: God has blessed Bladen Baptist Association with leadership with a vision in the persons of Dr. Mack Roberts (our director of missions), Dr. Mike Thompson (our moderator), Mrs. Virginia Gause (our clerk), Mrs. Ella Rae Roberts (our secretary), Mr. David Clark (our treasurer), and many others too numerous to name and:

Whereas, It is incumbent upon us, the messengers to this 106th annual session of the Bladen Baptist Association to show our gratitude to God, and to offer a word of thanks to all these:

Be It Therefore Resolved, That we, the aforesaid messengers, pledge our support to and offer prayers for out leaders with a vision, and;

Be It Finally Resolved, That we ask God for a greater vision for and on behalf of all churches of the Bladen Baptist Association and their leaders.

**Evangelism:** Rev. Bob Boone gave report as recorded on page 36 of the Book of Reports. He encourgaed churches to participate in sessions that are to be held on evangelism, music, puppetry, clowning tract ministries, gospel illusion, ventriloquy and any other thing that could be thought of to help teach and train people to reach others for Christ.

**Historian:** Mrs. Ethelene Barnes presented the report as recorded on page 41, as well as front and back of Book of Reports.

**Leisure:** Rev. Walter Hayes presented the report as recorded on page 37 of Book of Reports. He also reported that he would be getting a list of workers who has helped with the leisure ministry during the past 30 years to invite them to a banquet that is planned to show the appreciation of their ministry. He also announced there will be a meeting at the Baptist Center on 11-9-1997 at 3 o'clock p.m. for anyone interested in playing basketball. The meeting for the RA's and GA's will be at 3 o'clock p.m. and for the Men will be at 4 o'clock p.m.

**Annuity & Deacon Consultant:** Rev. Donald Coley presented the report as recorded on pages 39 & 40 of the Book of Reports.

Rev. David Rutland moved that the time be extended for the meeting in order to attend to all the business and to have time for the remainder of the service. Motion was seconded and passed. Rev. David Rutland made a motion to accept all reports as recorded in the Book of Reports. Motion was seconded and passed.

Moderator Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn the unincorporated Bladen Baptist Association Session. Rev. Jerry Beck made the motion and received a second. The motion carried.

The session was reconvened to be the first as an incorporated body. The body was then asked to vote on the new constitution and by-laws presented during the first session, using the language congruent with a non-profit corporation in the State of North Carolina. The motion to adopt was made by Rev. Bob Boone, received a second and carried by an unanimous vote.

Mr. David Clark made a motion that all real and personal property of Bladen Baptist Association be transferred to the Bladen Baptist Association Incorporated. The motion received a second and carried.

Moderator Thompson introduced Mr. Charles Story who rendered the song, "Tell It Now", and he led the congregation in singing "Stir My Church".

Dr. Tom Jenkins delivered the afternoon message entitled "Live the Faith - Start Something New". Mr. Charles Little led in a prayer of adjournment at 3 o'clock p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Thompson, Moderator
Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

## ATTACHMENT - I

## RECOMMENDATION OF HISPANIC COMMITTEE TO THE ANNUAL SESSION OF BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

October 28, 1997

Whereas Bladen Baptist Executive Committee has voted to co-sponsor with Briar Branch Baptist Church a Hispanic Mission and whereas land has been donated by Mr. Henson Barnes to Bladen Baptist Association for this purpose, and a septic system has now been approved by Bladen County Health department, and plans are presently being completed by Hobbs and UpChurch Architectural Firm of Southern Pines, We the Hispanic Committee elected by the Bladen Baptist Association do hereby recommend the following:

1. That we the Bladen Baptist Association accept the responsibility of and proceed with building a facility for the use of our Hispanic Mission. This facility will be a rectangular structure consisting of (a) 1600 sq ft of living space for the pastor and family, and (b) 2800 sq feet of multi-purpose space for worship and fellowship. The building will be wood frame and brick veneer.

2. A work day to prepare the property for building will be scheduled for November 22, 1997 and work will be scheduled to begin in early Spring of 1998.

3. The building will be constructed on property bordering Hwy 701 N near White Lake. Labor will be provided by volunteer workers of our association and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

4. This project is estimated to cost approximately $80 to $90,000.00 Presently we have cash on hand designated for this purpose in the amount of $23,574.96 with another $1800.00 having been committed. (The mission has accepted the challenge to provide furnishings, excluding appliances.)

It is the proposal of this committee that the project be paid for in the following way.

A. Churches be asked to receive another love offering by the time actual construction begins (early March 1998). We are trusting the Lord that through these love offerings and individual gifts there will be adequate funds to almost if not completely finish the project.

B. Should this not be enough we ask that the Board of Directors of Bladen Baptist Association be given authority to negotiate a loan for one year and this loan be repaid through love offerings from the churches the following year.

5. That the action of the executive committee on January 21, 1997 concerning ownership of property be rescinded and the above mentioned property be deeded to Bladen Baptist Association until such time as the mission is constituted into a Southern Baptist Church and said association deems it appropriate at the recommendation of the Hispanic Committee to convey said property to said church.

Meanwhile the mission, property and facilities will be monitored by a committee elected by Bladen Baptist Association to insure the same is properly maintained and that said mission adheres to and practices doctrine consistent with "The Baptist Faith and Message".

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**RIVERSIDE**--Rev. Currie Long, Mr. Joe Evans, Mrs. Lolita Long, Mr.Murray Bordeaux, Mrs. Murray Bordeaux, Mrs. Bessie Evans, Mr. Frank Evans.
**SANDY GROVE**--Mrs. Ruth Carson, Ms. Nellie Kinlaw, Mr. Carrie M. Watson, Mr. Rufus Watson.
**SHADY GROVE**--Rev. Robert Gray, Mrs. Othella S. Heflin, Mrs. Girlene Cook, Mr. Douglas Thompson.
**SUGGS GROVE**--Rev. David Rutland, Mrs. Myrtle Livingston, Mrs. Margaret Edge.
**TAR HEEL**--Rev. Darryll Hester, Mr. Joe Abbott, Mrs. Lisa Abbott, Mr. Larry Martin.
**WEST BLADENBORO**--Rev. Aaron Brooks, Mrs. Carol Brooks.
**WHITE LAKE**--Rev. Walter Hayes, Mrs. Peggy Hayes, Mr. Wilbur Smith.
**WHITE OAK**--Mrs. Edra O. Cain, Mr. Elwood S. Cain.
**WHITES CREEK**--Ms. Sara Anglin, Mrs. Elese Johnson, Mrs. Ruby McQueen, Mrs. Gail Norris, Mrs. Carol Pope.
**ZION HILL**--Rev. Robert Boone, Mrs. Karen Smith, Mr. Sanford Cain, Mrs. Sanford Cain, Mrs. Gladysteen Pait, Mr. Julian Bryan.

## DIRECTORY OF CHURCH ORGANISTS
### (Or Pianist if no Organist)

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**BEARDS CHAPEL**--Mrs. Sandra Oliver, 910-529-1914
**BETHEL**--Mrs. Ruby Beck, 910-862-6137
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**PEACE**--Mrs. Sadie Cain, 910-863-3206
**RICHARDSON**--Mrs. Nan Kennedy, 910-863-4158
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**SANDY GROVE**--Mrs. Velma Edwards, 910-648-4491
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# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
## OF
## BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**ARTICLE I - NAME:** The name of this body shall be Bladen Baptist Association.

**ARTICLE II - MISSION:** It is the Mission of this body to provide opportunity to member churches affiliated with it for cooperative efforts in carrying out the evangelistic and ministry directives of Jesus Christ; further to encourage and assist, when possible, each member church in doing the same.

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP:** The Association shall consist of messengers and executive committee members who are members of the affiliated churches as follows:

1. Each church of fifty (50) members or less shall be entitled to three messengers, and for each additional fifty (50) members an additional messenger, provided that no church shall have more than five (5) lay messengers active and voting at one time. Each church shall be entitled to an equal number of alternate messengers who shall serve in the absence of the messengers. The messengers who compose the Association must come from churches that believe in practicing New Testament doctrine as set forth in The Baptist Faith and Message.

2. A Each church shall be entitled to one executive member and senior pastor to serve as set forth in article IV.

3. The Pastors
4. The elected officers of the Association.

**ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE BOARD:** The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the Association, together with a pastor and a layman from each affiliated church. The Executive Board is charged with the duty of executing the plans and decisions of the Association and the employment and direction of the Associational Director of Missions. A full report of its work shall be presented at each Fall Session, together with plans and recommendations for the promotion and extension of the work of the Association. The Executive Board shall act for the Association between sessions in conformity with the expressed decisions of the body. A vacancy occurrring between sessions may be filled for the remainder of the year as set forth in Article VI (1) (c) of this constitution.

**ARTICLE V - AFFILIATED CHURCHES:** A Missionary Baptist Church desiring fellowship in the Association may submit a written request for membership at a Fall session, and may be received under the watchcare of the Association for a period of time to the next ensuing Fall Session, and then upon recommendation of the Committee on Membership, such church may be received as a member by two-thirds favorable vote of the duly qualified messengers in attendance at such session.

Any member church in good standing shall be entitled to a letter of dismissal and recommendation to another similar body. Such letter may be from the Association in session or by the Executive Board between sessions.

**ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS:**

(1) The Executive Officers of the Bladen Baptist Association shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. Other Officers shall be stewardship director and historian.

(a) Officers shall be approved at the April Executive Committee meeting and duly elected at the annual meeting. Nominees will be approved at the April Executive Committee meeting and duly elected at the annual meeting. Nominees will be presented by the nominating committee or from the floor. All nominations must be with the prior consent of the nominee. They shall serve for one year beginning at the close of the annual meeting and ending at the close of the next.

(b) A qualified parliamentarian, well versed in Robert's Rules of Order, shall be appointed by the moderator during his term of office.

(c) If the office of Moderator becomes vacant, the vice-moderator shall become moderator for the rest of that term. Other vacancies in associationl offices shall be filled by the Executive Committee on recommendation of the Nominating Committee or from the floor, with prior consent of the nominee(s).

(d) A Moderator shall not serve more than two years in succession.

**ARTICLE VII - DIVISION DIRECTORS**

(1) A Division Director shall be approved by the Executive Committee during its April Meeting and duly elected at the annual meeting, for Sunday School, Discipleship Training, WMU, Brotherhood, Evangelism, Music, Seminary Extension, Church Media, Missions Development, Leisure Ministry, youth, and other organizations which may be added by the Association. Nominations may be presented by the Nominating Committee or from the floor with the prior consent of the nominee(s).

(a) The Division Director will begin serving in October following election but will be responsible for planning the program and budget for year under his/her direction.

(b) Each Director will select workers for that area and present them to the Nominating Committee for approval prior to the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee will then present the workers to the Association for approval at the Annual Meeting.

**ARTICLE VIII - ASSOCIATIONAL COUNCIL:** The Associational Council shall consist of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Directors of each division. The staff members of the Associations shall serve in an ex-officio capacity.

The Associational Council shall serve in an advisory capacity to assist in planning, promoting, guiding, and calendar planning for the total Associational Program. It will meet regularly prior to each Executive Board Meeting and Annual Session. It will consider, review, and/or prepare recommendations concerning the Associational Program for action by the Executive Board and/or Association.

**ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES:**

(1) Standing Committees shall be as follows and others may be added as deemed necessary by the Executive Board or Association. They are to be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected at the Annual Meeting:

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| Nominations | Constitution | Ordination |
| Membership | The Office Building and Grounds | Finance |
| | DOM Relations | |

(2) Associational Committees: The Moderator shall appoint the following committees at the July Executive Board Meeting: (a) Committee on Place and Preacher for the following year, (b) Committee on Resolutions, (c) Committee on Enrollment, (d) Membership Committee, if needed, and (e) any other committees which may be authorized by the Association. These committees shall report during the annual session

**ARTICLE X - PROCEDURE:** The business of the Association shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, unless otherwise provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws.

**ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT:** This Constitution may be amended at any session of the Association by a two-thirds vote, provided: the amendment has been presented in writing at an Executive Board meeting prior to Annual Session, and read to the Association the first day of Annual Session, to be voted on second day.

**ARTICLE XII - ADOPTION:** Upon adoption, this Constitution shall become effective at the close of this session of the Bladen Baptist Association.

# BY-LAWS
# OF
# BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## I. NAME

The name of this body shall be Bladen Baptist Association as set forth in Article I of the attached constitution. The location shall be Elizabethtown, Bladen County, North Carolina.

## II. FAITH

This Baptist association accepts the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as our rule of faith and practice. It affirms the doctrinal positions set forth in *The Baptist Faith and Message*, and hereby incorporates that statement into these bylaws.

## III. PURPOSE

As set forth in Article II of the attached constitution.

## IV. POLITY AND RELATIONSHIPS

The government of this association is vested in the members who compose it. It is subject to the control of no other ecclesiatical or political body or bodies. We realize there is mutual helpfulness in working with other associations of like faith and practice as to encourage the spirit of fellowship and good will. We also recognize that there have been devised, through the voluntary cooperation of churches of like faith and order, organizations whose purpose it is to implement the missionary, educational and benevolent interests and obligations of this association and its affiliated churches. Believing that the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention are organizations which have as their sole purpose the promotion and support of missions; education and benevolence of the character and in keeping with the spirit of the Bylaws and Constitution of this association, we therefore voluntarily agree to participate in the programs and ministries of these organizations.

## V. MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATION

**Section A: Requirement and Procedure**

Membership will be as set forth in Article III and IV of attached Constitution of this body, namely the Bladen Baptist Association.

**Section B: Duties of Affiliated Churches**

1. *Cooperation.* Any church affiliated with this body shall support the same financially and be sympathetic with the purpose and mission of this body, Any voting member of this body must first be a member of an affiliated church.

2. *Provide Annual Church Profile (ACP).* Each affiliated church shall send to the clerk of the Association fourteen (14) days prior to the Fall Session of the Association, on forms furnished by the Clerk, a full report of the church work for the year ending September 30th.

**Section C: Rights of Affiliation and Membership**

1. Each affiliated church has a right to be represented by messengers or executive committee members as set forth in article III and IV of attached constitution of this body, who in turn shall have the right to vote on all matters

brought before this association.

2. Any member of an affiliated church is eligible for consideration by the membership of the association for nomination to any elective office in the association.

**Section D: Termination of Affiliation**

*Church affilation with this association may be terminated in the following ways:*

1. By the affiliated church's request. The affiliated church may write a letter of request that its affiliation with Bladen Baptist Association be terminated. Such termination shall be effective as of the date the request is received and approved.

2. By exclusion. The association, after due notice and a reasonable opportunity for hearing and kindly efforts to make such action unnecessary, may terminate the affiliation of churches who fail to be supportive financially or fail to be sympathetic with the doctrine and purpose of this association.

## VI. MEETINGS

**Section A: Business.**

***Quorum. 12 affiliated churches represented by voting messenger(s) or executive board members shall constitute a quorum***

1. Annual Sessions of the Association shall be held on Tuesday evening and Wednesday a.m. and afternoon following the fourth Sunday in October.

2. Quarterly Sessions The Executive Board shall meet on Tuesday following the third Sunday of January, April, and July.

3. Special meetings may be called by the moderator or the director of missions provided one week advanced notice is given to the affiliated churches.

**Section B: Procedure.**

All meetings of the Association shall be opened with a devotional service followed by the order of business or agenda and closed with prayer. *An order of business shall be adopted at the beginning of each annual session which shall be changed only by a two-thirds vote of the body.*

**Section C: The Associational Year**

The Associational year and reports shall cover October 1st through September 30th. The fiscal year shall be January 1st through December 31st.

## VII. OFFICERS:

**Section A. Generally**

***Executive Officers of the association shall be Moderator, vice-moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer.*** Other officers shall be stewardship director historian and such others as the association shall determine. For all such officers the association shall establish and set forth in the bylaws, their means of selection and duties. All officers must be members in good standing of an affiliated church and serve at the pleasure of the association.

**1. Duties of Executive Officers**

**a. Function as Board of Directors.** The currently serving Executive Officers shall meeting and acting together, constitute the Board of Directors of Bladen Baptist Association. Such Board of Directors shall change by and in the same procedure as Executive officers change. In their capacity as directors, they shall have the duties and responsibilities attendant to Directors, subject however to the limitation set forth in the charter bylaws and constitution. The Directors shall not have power, except as expressly authorized by the

association, to purchase or sell or encumber any real or personal property, to install or remove officers or staff, to amend the Charter, bylaws or constitution, or to bind the corporation to any contract.

**b. Corporate Officers.** The moderator shall, whenever required by law or practice, serve as the President of the Corporation, having however only such express powers as are granted by the association, and having no power absent such express authorization to bind the corporation in any matter or act for it. In a similar manner and subject to the same limitations, the Vice-Moderator shall be authorized to act as the Vice-President.

**Section B. Moderator.**

The Moderator shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually as set forth in article V of the attached constitution. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings of the Association. He/She shall be a member of the Executive Board, and as opportunity may permit, shall act as fraternal visitor to the churches throughout the year, representing the fellowship of the entire association.

**Section C. Vice-Moderator.**

The Vice-Moderator shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually as set forth in article V of the attached constitution. The Vice-Moderator shall preside in the absence of the moderator, He/She shall be a member of the Executive Board, and as opportunity may permit, shall act as fraternal visitor to the churches throughout the year, representing the fellowship of the entire association.

**Section D. Clerk.**

The Clerk shall be nominatedby the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Clerk shall work with the Assoicational Staff in keeping an accurate record of the proceedings of the association, and shall prepare and cause to be published and distributed, as directed by the Association or Executive Board, minutes and statistics of the Association as soon as practical after adjournment of the Fall Session. He/she shall mail the necessary forms and letters to the clerks of the churches affiliated with the association six weeks before they are due. Copies of the annuals shall be provided without charge for the officers, and provided for affiliated churches as requested by payment. A copy shall be sent to each department of the Baptist State Convention and other institutions and individuals as the Association or Executive Committee may direct.

**Section E. Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall be nominating by thenominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Treasurer shall work with the Associational Staff to receive all receipts of the association, disburse them according to its order, and present a printed report of the same to the Fall Session of the Association and to the Executive Board.

**Section F. Stewardship Director**

The Stewardship Director shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Stewardship Director shall be responsible for Stewardship Promotion working with the Director of Missions and subject to the supervision of the Executive Board.

**Section G. Historian**

The Historian shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Historian shall encourage churches to preserve their historical material, to publish a church history from time to time, and to observe their special anniversaries. He/She should maintain an Associational Historical Collection.

## VIII COMMITTEES

### Section A. Generally

Committees of the association shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected annually by the association except those committees appointed by the moderator. Such committees are clearly designated in the by-laws and constitution. There are two types of committees, standing and special. Standing committees are listed in these by-laws while special committees are elected by the association in accordance to need.

### Section B. Duties

**1. THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** The Program Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Director of Missions, Director of Music and Pastors of the host churches. The vice-moderator shall be chairman of this committee. It shall prepare a printed program for the Annual Meeting and distribute copies to program personnel and pastors at least thirty (30) days in advance. The committee shall present the program for adoption by the association and manage any adjustments.

**2. FINANCE COMMITTEE:** This committee shall consist of five members whose duty it shall be . . . to supervise the financial program of the association and to report to the Executive Board regarding the same at each quarterly meeting. The Finance Committee shall submit to the Executive Board at the July Meeting, a budget for the coming year. The budget will be voted on at the Fall Session of the association.

**3. NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** This Committee, composed of 5 members, shall nominate officers, Division Directors and committee members as set forth in Article V and IX of this constitution. It shall also nominate associational representatives for convention institutions and agencies as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee or association. Vacancies occuring between annual sessions shall be filled by the Executive Board upon presentation of nominee(s) by this committee.

**4. CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE:** This committee, composed of three members, shall be available to review study and propose changes in the constitution, and make recommendations to the association regarading any changes.

**5. ORDINATION COMMITTEE:** This committee, composed of five (5) members shall, when requested by a member church, assist in the examination and ordination of candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

**6. DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS RELATIONS COMMITTEE:** This Committee, composed of four (4) members, shall work with the Director of Missions in keeping his job description up to date, abiding by the guidelines adopted for the relationship, reviewing compensation and time arrangements, arranging for mutual evaluation sessions, handling criticisms of the Director of Missions and hearing his complaints, helping with staff difficulties, and dealing wisth any problems that may arise.

**7. COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS:** This committee, composed of three (3) members and appointed by the moderator, shall study proposed resolutions and make its report in the final session of the annual meeting.

**8. COMMITTEE OF PLACE AND PREACHER:** This committee, composed of three (3) members is appointed by the moderator. It shall seek out and recommend meeting places for annual sessions. It shall also recommend preachers and alternates for the Fall Sessions.

**9. COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT:** This committee is appointed by the moderator and shall be composed of five members. It shall work with the office staff to prepare for and direct the enrollment of messengers at each of the annual sessions.

## IX. DIVISION DIRECTORS

**Section A. Generally**

Division directors are nominated by the nominating committee and elected annually by the association according to procedure set forth in article VII of the attached constitution. A director for each of the following divisions shall be elected: Brotherhood, Discipleship Training, Deacon Consultant, Evangelism, Leisure Ministry, Media, Missions Development, Music, Seminary Extension, Sunday School, Womans Missionary Union, and Youth.

Section B. Duties

1. It shall be the responsibility of each Division Director to coordinate and assist the work of each committee or program group in that particular division.
2. The Division Director shall make quarterly progress reports to the Executive Board and shall prepare and submit a written annual report for the Book of Reports not later than the last scheduled meeting of the Executive Board prior to the Annual Session.
3. The Division Director shall serve on the Associational Council to help plan and coordinate the total associational ministry.
4. The Division Director shall prepare and submit a budget request for his/her division to the Finance Committee by July 1, prior to budget year planned.

## X. PARLIAMENTARIAN

The parliamentarian shall be appointed by the moderator and shall be well versed in Robert's Rules of Order.

## XI. DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

**Section A. Election**

The Director of Missions shall be elected upon the recommendation of a duly elected search committee. Nominees for the Search Committee shall be presented by the Nominating Committee to the Executive Board who shall be responsible for electing the same. The Search Committee shall then search out and recommend a qualified candidate to the Executive Board for Election. The term of office for the Director of Missions shall be until terminated by mutual consent or at the official request of either party.

**Section B. Duties**

The Director of Missions shall have general oversight of the work of the association, cooperating with all elected officers of the Association and member churches. The Director shall be an exofficio member of all committees, councils and organizations of the Association. His duties shall be carried out in accordance with agreed job description.

**Section C. Vacancy**

When a vacancy occurs and during the interim period, *the Associational Council shall seek out and recommend an interim Director of Missions to the Executive Board.*

**Section D. Grievances**

Any matter relating to the Director of Missions which is not covered in this Constitution or covenant agreed upon by the Association and the Director of Missions shall be referred to the DOM Relations Committee who in turn will make recommendations to the Executive Board if and when necessary.

## XII. REVENUE

The Bladen Baptist Association shall be supported through contributions from the affiliated churches and individual gifts. Gifts other than undesignated monies, shall be accepted at the discretion of the Finance Committee.

## XIII. SALARIES OF OFFICERS

Salaries of the Director of Missions of the association, as well as any other officer, shall be such amount as may be provided for in the Annual Budget and approved by the association in its Fall Session.

## XIV. MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The Minutes of all sessions of the association shall be examined, approved, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before being printed.

## XV. AUDITOR

1. The Auditor shall examine the financial books and records of the association and submit a detailed report covering his audit at such time as may be required by the Executive Board of the association.

## XVI. VISITORS

1. Visitors are welcome to attend any business session of the Bladen Baptist Association, but with deliberation or voting privileges. Vistors may speak at the discretion of the moderator.

## XVII. AMENDMENTS

1. These By-Laws may be amended at any annual session of the association by a two-thirds vote, provided the proposed amendment(s) have been presented in writing during the first session. The vote shall then be taken the following day at a time on the program designated by the moderator.

## XVIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

1. These By-Laws or any additions or amendments thereto shall become effective immediately upon passage.

Submitted by Constitution Committee
Mr. Worth Hester
Mrs. Josie Carroll
Mrs. Florence Suggs

Adopted
October 28, 1997

# ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

## 1997-1998
## OFFICERS, PROGRAM LEADERS AND COMMITTEES

MODERATOR-- Dr. Michael Thompson, 110 E. Roberts St., Clarkton, NC 28433, 647-1631.

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CLERK-- Mrs. Virginia Gause, PO Box 653, Elizabethtown, NC 28337, 645-4181.

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ADULT DIRECTOR--

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CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR--

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DIRECTOR -- Rev. Bruce Cannon, PO 1046, Bladenboro, NC 28320, 863-3164

WMU -- Mrs. Elizabeth Bryan, 2829 Forest Drive, Bladenboro, NC 28320, 648-2358.

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Rev. Jerry Beck, PO Box 177, Dublin, NC 28332, 862-6139.

## COMMITTEES

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Mr. Gerald Smith, Chairman, 2038 Pleasant Grove Church Rd., Bladenboro, NC 28320, 863-4462.

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**NATMOORE**--Rev. Ray Wilkins, Natmoore Rd., Kelly, NC 28448.

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**SHADY GROVE**--Rev. Robert Gray, 10981 Twisted Hickory Rd., Bladenboro, NC 28320, 648-2120.

**SUGGS GROVE**--Rev. David Rutland, 16638 NC Hwy. 53 W, Fayetteville, NC 28301, 866-5691.
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**WHITES CREEK**--Rev. Warren Hill, 6111 Mercer Rd., Clarkton, NC 28433, 645-4646.
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# CALENDAR 1998

## JANUARY '98

1 **New Years Day**
8-9 Vocational Evangelists Retreat, Camp Caraway
12-14 NC Baptist Music Conf. - Caraway
**13 Bladen Ministerial Assos. 8:30 a.m. - Bladen County Hospital**
**20 Bladen Baptist Pastor/Spouse Conf.**
**20 Bladen Baptist Executive Board 7:30 p.m.**
23-24 State WMU Exec Bd. Cary
**24 TRAINING FOR DISASTER RECOVERY-Elizabethtown Church**
**25 BAPTIST MENS DAY**
25 Deadline-Summer Min. applications
26 NC Baptist Singers Concert
27-28 General Bd, BSC
30-31 NC Baptist Men's Conv. Raleigh

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## FEBRUARY '98

1-8 Wk of Prayer - Baptist Retirement Homes - Special Offering
2-3 State Evangelism Conference
8 Race Relations Sunday
**17 Bladen Bapt. Pastor/Spouse Conf.**
20-21 Interviews for Summer Missions, Caraway
20-21 Youth Choir Instrumental Festivals
21 Race day for men and boys - Rockingham
22 Volunteer in Mission Day
23-26 Youth Min. continuing Ed. Retreat
**27 STATE VBS CLINIC, LUMBERTON, FIRST**
27-28 Adult Handbell Festivals

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## MARCH '98

1-8 Wk of prayer for Home Mission - Annie Armstrong Offering
9-10 New Ministers Orientation, Cary
13-14 Language Pastors Conf - Caraway
13-14 Youth Handbell Festivals
15 Baptist College - Seminary Day
16 NC Baptist Singers' Concert
**17 Bladen Pastor/ Spouse Conference**
20-21 Challengers Convention

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**22** **Assoc. Children's Bible Drill, Zion Hill 3:00 p.m.**
**22** **"Start Something New" Sunday**
27-28 Boys & Dads Retreat - Grds 3-5, Caswell
27-29 BSU Spring Conf. Caraway
27-29 WMU Missions Extravaganza - Ridgecrest

**APRIL '98**
3-5 Spring Fling Retreat
6-8 Coastal Sr. Adult Retreat, Caswell
**8** **Bible Drill Registration to BSC due**
**12** **Easter**
**13** **Office Closed**
13-14 NC Minister-Laymen Golf Retreat, Caswell
14 Church Building Conference
17-18 Church Orientation for Witness
17-18 Inter-faith Witness Seminar, Caraway
17-19 Adult Campcraft Training, Caraway
17-19 Spring Fling Retreat II, Caswell
17-19 Single Adult Retreat, Caswell
**19** **Cooperative Program Day**
20 NC Baptist Singers' Concert
20-22 Coastal Sr. Adult Retreat, Caswell
**20** **Bladen Baptist Minister/Spouse Conference 10:00 a.m.**
**21** **Bladen Executive Board 7:30 p.m.**
**24** **State Youth Bible Drills**
24-26 Spring Fling Retreat III, Caswell
25 State Children's Bible Drills
26 Earth Stewards Sun
27-29 Coastal Sr. Adult Retreat, Caswell

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**MAY '98**
**1** **Bladen Deacon/Spouse Conf. Dublin, First 6:30 p.m.**
1-2 Eastern NC Evangelism Workshop, Caswell
1-3 Boys & Dads Car show Retreat, Caswell
2 Finalist Youth, Bible & Speakers Drills
3-10 Wk of prayer & Special Offering - NC Baptist Hospital
**4-5** **Key Leadership, Caswell**
11-13 Sr. Adult Conf., Caraway
11-13 Coastal Sr. Adult Retreat, Caswell
15-17 Youth Min. Lab. Meredith College
18 NC Baptist Singers Concert
18-20 Coastal Sr. Adult Retreat
**19** **Bladen Pastor/Spouse Conf. 10:00 a.m.**
19-20 General Bd. (state) meeting
22-24 Couples Spring Break, Caswell
25 Memorial Day (Office Closed)
25-27 Coastal Sr. Adult Retreat, Caswell
29-30 Assoc. Leadership Team Tr., Caswell
31 Summer Ministries Orientation, Caraway

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**JUNE '98**
1-4 Summer min. Orientation, Cont. Meredith
1-5 Christian Life Week, Caswell
5-6 Assoc. Leadership team leadership Tr. Mundo Vista
7 Caraway Staff Tr. begins

7 Christian High Adventure begins
8-12 Youth Evangelism Spring Thing, Caswell
9-11 SBC Convention, Salt Lake City, Utah
12-14 Single Adult Evangelism Conf., Caswell
15-19 Truett Camp for Girls week
15-19 Mundo-Vista Camp for girls begins
15-19 Caraway Camp for boys begins
15-19 Youth Evangelism Week I, Caswell
22-26 Mundo Vista (GA week)
22-27 Youth Conf. I, Caswell
29-Jul 4 Youth Conf. II, Caswell
29-Jul 4 Wk of Christian Study/Fellowship, Mars Hill

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## JULY '98

**4 Independence Day**
6-10 Family Fun and Focus Wk., Caswell
6-11 Youth Evangelism Wk., Caswell
13-17 Youth Adult Music Wk., Caswell
13-17 Family Fun and Focus Wk. II, Caswell
20-25 World Missions Week, Caswell
**21 Bladen Executive Board - 7:30 p.m.**
24-26 Bi-vocational Min. Conf. , Caswell
27-30 Youth Conf. III, Caswell
**30-31 Super Summer '98, Carowinds**

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## AUGUST '98

3-8 Youth Conf., IV, Caswell
7-8 Church Brotherhood Training, Caraway
10-15 Children's Choir Camp, Caswell
10-12 Happiness Retreat I, Caraway
12-14 Happiness Retreat II, Caraway
14-15 Lay Witnessing Conf., Caraway
17-21 Sr. Adult Conf., Caswell
**18 Bladen Pastors/Spouse Conf. 10:00 a.m.**
21-22 Associational Discipleship Tr., Caraway
31-Sep 2 Coastal Sr. Retreat, Caswell

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## SEPTEMBER '98

4-5 NC Baptist Men's Bd. Meeting
11-12 Music Leadership Tr., Caraway
11-12 Equipping Todays Church, Ridgecrest
13-20 Wk of prayer for NC Missions
14-15 NC Bapt. Minister/Laymen Golf, Caraway
14-15 Coastal Senior Retreat, Caswell
18-19 WMU Exec. Bd (state)Mundo Vista
18-19 Lad/Crusader Camporee, Caraway
18-19 Sunday School Tr., Caraway
19-20 Youth Council (state) Retreat -
20 Biblical Recorder Day
21-22 NC Baptist Singers Retreat, Caraway
21-23 Coastal Sr. Adult Retreat, Caswell
**22 Bladen Pastors/Spouse Conf. 10:00 a.m.**
25-26 Caraway II, SS Training, Caraway
25-26 Father/Daughter Retreat, 1st - 5th graders
25-27 Baptist Student Convention, Ridgecrest
29 Council on Christian Ed., Caswell
29 Council on Christian Life, Caswell
29-30 General Bd., (state) Caswell

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**OCTOBER '98**

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| 2-3 | Equipping Today's Church, Caswell |
| 2-3 | Music Leadership Tr., Caraway |
| 4 | Cooperative Program/Stewardship Sunday |
| 5-6 | Senior Adult Choir Festival |
| 5-7 | Sr. Adult Conf. I, Caraway |
| 5-7 | Coastal Sr. Adult Retreat, Caswell |
| 8-9 | Coastal Golf Classic, Caswell |
| 9-10 | R.A. Training, Caraway |
| 9-10 | Deacon/Spouse Conf., Caraway |
| 9-10 | Retreat-Dads/Boys, K-3rd, Caswell |
| 11 | World Hunger Day |
| 12-14 | Coastal Sr. Adult Retreat, Caswell |
| 12-14 | Sr. Adult Conf. II, Caraway |
| 14-16 | Sr. Adult Conf., Caraway |
| 16-17 | Literacy Missions Retreat, Caraway |
| 16-18 | Coastal Fall Youth Retreat, Caswell |
| 19-21 | Coastal Sr. Retreat, Caswell |
| **26-27** | **ANNUAL MEETING-BLADEN ASSOC.** |
| **26** | **Pastor/Spouse Dinner 6:00 p.m.** |
| 26 | NC Baptist Singers Concert, Charlotte |
| 26-27 | Children & Youth Bible Drill (four loc) |
| 30-31 | Conference on Addition, Caraway |

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**NOVEMBER '98**

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| 1-7 | Royal Ambassador Week in the Churches |
| 2-4 | NC SBC Secretaries Assoc. Retreat, Ridgecrest |
| **9-11** | **Baptist State Convention - Lawrence Joel Memorial Col. - Winston-Salem, NC** |
| 9-12 | Fall Retreat for people with aids - Caswell |
| 13-15 | NC Baptist Conf. for the deaf, Caraway |
| 15-22 | Wk of Prayer & Offering - Bapt. Childrens Homes |
| 15-18 | International Mission Study |
| **17** | **Bladen Pastors/Spouse Conf. 10:00 a.m.** |
| 20-22 | Fall Youth Evangelism Conf., Caswell |
| **26-27** | **Thanksgiving Holidays** |
| **29-Dec. 5** | **Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions - Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** |

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**DECEMBER '98**

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| **-5** | **Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** |
| 2-4 | Sr. Adult Christmas by the Sea, Caswell |
| **4** | **Pastor/Spouse Christmas Dinner?** |
| 7-9 | Sr. Adult Christmas by the Sea, Caswell |
| 9-11 | Sr. Adult Christmas by the Sea, Caswell |
| **24-Jan 1** | **Christmas Holidays - Office Closed** |
| **25** | **CHRISTMAS DAY - JOY TO THE WORLD** |
| 26 | Challengers Overseas Trip |
| 31 | New Year's Eve Exciting Alternative |

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# EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
## January 21, 1997

The Executive Board met at the Bladen Baptist Association Center on January 21, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. with Moderator Michael Thompson presiding. Rev. Bruce Cannon led in the devotion. The scripture was taken from Acts 2:47 and Acts 4:33. Rev. Jerry Beck led in prayer.

The moderator called the roll of churches and there were 20 churches represented with 36 present.

The minutes of the meeting of July 23, 1996 and the called meeting of September 17, 1996 had been mailed to each one present. The minutes were approved as written.

Report from organizations and committees were as follows:

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Dr. Michael Thompson reported that the associational VBS team would attend a clinic in Wallace and would return to the county to train the leaders in the associational churches. This date will be announced at a later date.

**DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING:** DOM Roberts reported in the absence of Mrs. Etta M. Smith. The Bible Drill Kick-Off Rally was held at the Zion Hill activity center on 10-27-96 with Zion Hill and Libson Churches represented. The program was presented by Rev. Jody Griffin of Spring Hope, N.C. M night was held on 11-25-96 at Butters Baptist Church with 140 in attendance. This represented 15 churches. The high percentage attendance banner was presented to Butters church with 38 in attendance. The high attendance banner was presented to Galeed Baptist Church with 45 present.

**MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT:** Rev. Bruce Cannon reported this committee was waiting until after the executive committee had made a decision regarding the Hispanic Mission Ministry. Rev. Cannon called upon Rev. Steve Butler, Chairman of the Hispanic Ministry, Sub-Committee of the Mission Development Committee, to give his report as follows:

Rev. Lorenzo Torrez has been called as pastor of the Hispanic Mission and ordained by the Briar Branch Church at the recommendation of the Associational Ordination Council. A house has been rented in Elizabethtown for Rev. Torrez, and he should be moving within the next week. This committee and the Brotherhood Council of the Association have discussed the possibility of building a house this spring which would serve as a parsonage for the mission. We will support and encourage such a project 100%.

Mr. Henson Barnes has offered to donate a parcel of land adequate for the construction of a parsonage and a church. The land is located just North of White Lake with frontage on US Hwy 701. This committee thus recommends that the association accept this gift of land from Mr. Barnes with expressed appreciation, and that the Brotherhood be encouraged to undertake the project of building a house for the Hispanic pastor in the Spring of 1997; further we recommend that we anticipate the construction of a church building on this property in 1998, and that we invite the N.C. Baptist men to assist our Brotherhood in this project.

The floor was opened for discussion by the Moderator. There was lengthy discussion regarding receiving the donation of the land in the association's name instead of Briar Branch, and regarding the $6,000.00 that is in the budget for Hispanic housing expense.

Moderator Thompson explained that the motion on the floor is that the association accept the gift of the land from Mr. Barnes and that the Brotherhood take the project of building the house. Rev. David Rutland made a motion that we amend the original motion to say that the property will go to Briar Branch church. The motion was second and carried to allow Briar Branch to accept the property instead of the association.

Moderator Thompson stated the only motion left on the floor at this time is to encourage the Brotherhood to accept the project of building a house for the Hispanic Mission. The Moderator opened the floor for discussion regarding the amendment. After lengthy discussion Rev. Larry Davis made a motion to change the wording of the motion to be: The Brotherhood be encouraged to undertake the project of building a parsonage for the Hispanic Mission. The Moderator indicated this would delete the first sentence which read: "This committee thus recommends that our association accept this gift of land from Mr. Barnes." The association does not accept the land and Briar Branch will make that decision. The motion left on the floor is to encourage the Brotherhood to work with Briar Branch Church on the two projects along with the N.C. Baptist Men." The Moderator called for a vote by show of hands. The motion passed with a vote of 13 in favor and 12 against. The motion for the amended motion that "We encouraged the Brotherhood once the land is secured to undertake the two projects of building a house for the Hispanic pastor in the Spring of 1997; further we recommend that we anticipate the construction of a church building on this property in 1998, and that we invite the N.C. Baptist men to assist our Brotherhood in this project. Rev. Larry Davis made a motion that the wording of the motion be changed to the Hispanic Church. The motion was second. The re-stated motion read as follows: Our Brotherhood be encouraged to undertake the project of building a parsonage for the Hispanic Mission in the Spring of 1997; further we recommend that we anticipate the construction of a church building on this property in 1998, and that we invite the N.C. Baptist men to assist our Brotherhood in this project. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Moderator Thompson recognized Rev. Walter Hayes who made a motion to change the wording of Article I of the called meeting of 9-17-96 to read: "That the Bladen Baptist Association support our sister church, Briar Branch, in a Southern Baptist Hispanic Mission." (This changed the words "jointly sponsor" to support) The motion received a second and after lengthy discussion the motion was defeated by a vote of 11 in favor and 16 against.

**BROTHERHOOD:** Mr. Ewin Davis reported on the success of building the house last year along with the assistance of the churches and the WMU ladies who help with furnishing the food for the workers. Mr. Davis recommends that the Brotherhood of the Bladen Baptist Association accept as a project for 1997 to build a house for the Hispanic Mission and the project begin on May 13, 1997 and project the completion of the house to be around 5-31-97. The motion carried with no opposition.

**MUSIC:** No report

**WMU:** No report

**MEDIA LIBRARY:** No report

**ANNUNITY:** No report

**MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT:** No report

**STEWARDSHIP:** Mr. David Clark asked for any questions regarding the budget that had been mailed to all executive members. There were none.

**EVANGELISM:** Rev. Bob Boone reported the People-Sharing Jesus Rally held this past week on Friday and Saturday at Dublin was a success.

**DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS:** DOM Roberts expressed his appreciation for all the pastors and the churches who worked together in the construction of the house last year. There were 25 out of the 34 churches wo participated in the project. DOM Roberts emphasized that the Foreign Missions have been brought our door steps and encouraged all the churches to help in the project for the Hispanic Mission.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Mr. Elwood Cain, representing Rev. Darryll Hester, Chairman, recommends that Mr. Harvey Bedsole be elected as an additional member of the Hispanic Committee. The motion was second and carried.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Rev. Bob Boone was recognized, and he reported from the Membership Committee the following: "The committee met on Monday, 1-6-97 to discuss our role and to plan for a meeting with representatives from Community Baptist Church. We met with the representatives and gave them a list of expectations on Tuesday, 1-14-97. Another meeting is to be held prior to our next executive committee meeting."

**NEW BUSINESS:** Rev. Bob Boone made two recommendations of behalf of the executive council. The first motion was to instruct the DOM and the Moderator of the association to move as expeditiously as possible to incorporate the association using the services of Mr. Henson Barnes and the second motion was that the mission be incorporated if Mr. Barnes deems necessary. After discussion Rev. Boone rescinded the second part of that motion regarding incorporating the mission. There was a unanimous vote to approve the rescinded part of the motion. The motion carried. A motion to approve the motion made by Rev. Boone was carried by unanimous vote.

Moderator Thompson recognized Rev. Bob Boone who made the motion as follows: The Associational Council estimates that the building project for the Hispanic Mission will cost approximately $22,000.00. In order to acquire these funds it is recommended by this council that a letter be sent to each member church requesting a love offering be received for this project and forwarded to the association by the first week in May or earlier if possible; further that we will communicate to our churches that the anticipated cost will average about $800.00 per participating church. There was discussion regarding the $6,000.00 that is in the budget for the hispanic housing expense. It was concluded that the $6,000.00 is not a part of the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Rev. David Elks, pastor of Elizabethtown Baptist Church, was welcomed into the association. There being no further business, Rev. Bob Boone made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was second.

Respectfully submitted:
Michael Thompson, Moderator
Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

# EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
## April 22, 1997

The Executive Board met at the Bladen Baptist Center on April 22, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. with Moderator Michael Thompson presiding. Moderator Thompson led in the devotion. The scripture was taken from Acts 2:42. DOM Mack Roberts led in prayer.

DOM Roberts was called upon to welcome the pastor of Community Baptist Church and four members to the session.

The minutes of the last meeting was approved as printed with one exception as follows. The caption of Mission Development on the second page should be deleted as the report is on page 1.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Dr. Michael Thompson reported that the Vacation Bible School Training will be held next Tuesday night at Bladenboro Baptist Church. The literature is different this year, and he encouraged everyone that will be working in Bible School to attend the training. Dr. Thompson also reported he had spent two days in Cary at the State Baptist Convention Center for Sunday School Training. He informed the group that there will be a Sunday School Revival, and encouraged those interested to call the Sunday School Department at the State Baptist Convention for further information.

**DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING:** Mrs. Etta Mae Smith reported that on March 23rd the first associational Bible drill was held, and Miss Hilda Bryan, Zion Hill Baptist Church, was the only participant. She did an outstanding job, and will be participating at the State level on Saturday of this week, which will be held at Synder Memorial Baptist Church in Fayetteville. Mrs. Smith encourged more churches to get their children involved in Bible drills.

**MUSIC:** Rev. Darryll Hester reported there will be opportunities for Volunteer Music leaders to go to Caraway for training. These will be held in September Rev. Hester indicated that if the churches would like to send leaders to contact him for more information. He also said scholarships are available for those people whose church does not have this event budgeted.

There will be another "Great Night of Baptist Singing" to be held on August 31, which is the fifth Sunday in August. The churches will be receiving more information on this event.

**WMU:** DOM Roberts reported in the absence of Mrs. Elizabeth Bryan: The annual WMU meeting was held at Zion Hill Baptist Church on April 8, 1997 with seventy attending and fifteen churches represented. There were ninety-nine containers that was made for the Children's Ministry. They were disbursed to Bladen County Hospital, Southeastern General, Southeastern Family Violence Center and to the Hispanic Ministry. She also reported that the WMU leaders will be attending the WMU Leadership training to be held at Mundo Vista on May 31.

**MEDIA-LIBRARY:** No report.

**ANNUITY:** No report.

**MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT:** Rev. Bruce Cannon reported that one of the goals of Mission Development at the beginning of the current year was to have a missions development representative from each church. He said he would be in contact with each church to get the name of the representatives for a group meeting.

**EVANGELISM:** No report.

**DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS:** DOM Roberts reported for Mr. David Clark, Treasurer, who was absent. The financial statement for January - March 1997 had been mailed to each board member. He called for any questions to the report. See attached report.

DOM Roberts indicated he had mailed a memorandum today to the pastor and brotherhood directors regarding the progress on the Hispanic Mission. He reported the plans had been made for the foundation of the mission to be started in a couple of weeks, but there had been some delays pertaining to the land being perked. The committee is doing some restudying on some problems, but he assured the board that the plans are still in place for the project to begin May 13th. He reported nine churches had responded with funds thus far, totaling $9,165.08.

DOM Roberts informed the Board of the refund of $1800 and the State Mission offering. He also reported that all the sales tax that had been paid for the building project last year had been refunded and the amount was around $1500. He did not have the exact figure at hand.

Moderator Thompson recognized Rev. Darryll Hester, who made a motion that the money received from the State Mission offering, in the amount of $1800 and the state tax refund be put toward the current mission project. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

Moderator Thompson brought before the board the Articles of Incorporation of the Bladen Baptist Association as outlined in the attachment. This is for information and not to be voted upon. If there are no objections the articles of incorporation will be filed. He informed the Board of the steps necessary for the procedure as outlined in the attachment. He indicated there would be two meetings at the annual session. The first would be a final meeting of the un-incorporated association and the first meeting of the Incorporated Session, and the adoption of the new Articles of Incorporation. There was some discussion regarding Article III D. The Article with the change would read as follows: "The corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future U.S. Internal Law) or (b) by any corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law)."

DOM Roberts also reported the Association Youth Night is scheduled for this coming Saturday night at 7 o'clock at the White Oak Baptist Church. The musical group, "SALT", will be performing. He encouraged a good attendance.

Moderator Thompson called upon special committee reports:

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Rev. Darryll Hester presented for nomination the following names into their respective position:

**Moderator:** Dr. Mike Thompson; **Clerk:** Mrs. Virginia W. Gause; **Sunday School Director:** Rev. David Rutland; **Discipleship Training Director:** Mrs. Etta Mae Smith; **Brotherhood Director:** Mr. Ewin Davis; **WMU Director:** Mrs Elizabeth Bryan; **Music Director:** Rev. Darryll Hester; **Evangelism Director:** Rev. Bob Boone; **Seminary Extension:** Rev. Larry Davis; **Missions Develop-**

**ment Director:** Rev. Bruce Cannon; **Media/Library:** Mrs. Ann Smith; **Stewardship Director:** Mr. David Edge; **Annuity Representative & Deacon Consultant:** Rev. Don Coley; **Youth Committee Chairperson:** Rev. Charles Brust; **Leisure Ministry Chairperson:** Rev. Walter Hayes.

He also submitted the following name of Mr. Ray Bledsole to be added to the Leisure Ministry to serve this coming year and to go to Caswell in Rev. Walter Hayes' place. The nominations of the above listed was approved as submitted by Rev. Hester.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Rev. Walter Hayes requested assistance in the Leisure Ministry at White Lake. He said there was possibly nine sites at the lake for the ministry. He indicated that there were 50-175 people at the different camp grounds, and youth choirs or any other groups in the church that does any type of ministry is needed.

Rev. Mark Forrester announced he had volunteered to help with a youth revival to be held on August 18 at the Bladen Community College for all Bladen County citizens. He requests the prayers and promotion of everyone for the revival.

It was announced the church annuals are available and can be picked up when possible.

DOM Roberts informed the Board that there are "Volunteer Opportunities for Baptist on Missions" Booklet on the table and encouraged anyone to pick up one. There is also a shedule for N.C. Baptist Men pamphlet for anyone to get.

Moderator Thompson announced that the Master Life has been revised and is on sale over the counter at the Baptist Book Store.

It was announced that RA's would be going camping the week after school is out.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted:
Michael Thompson Moderator
Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
### JULY 22, 1997

The Executive Board met at the Bladen Baptist Center on July 22, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. with Moderator Michael Thompson presiding. Rev. Robert Boone led in devotion. The Scripture was taken from Matthew 7:24-29.

The minutes of the April 22, 1997 meeting, which had been mailed to each member, was approved with the exception of wording in the Sunday School report on the fifth line, which should read as follows: "He informed the group that there could be a Sunday School Revival", instead of "will be".

The roll call of churches was made and there were twenty three members present with eighteen churches represented.

The following reports were given:

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Dr. Michael Thompson reported there was good participation for the Vacation Bible School Clinic held in Bladenboro. He commented on the new Bible School material used this year and encouraged anyone who would like to make any comments about the material to do so to the editor in Nashville.

**DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING:** DOM Roberts reported in the absence to Mrs. Etta Mae Smith. He reported that Miss Hilda Bryan was a state winner in the Bible Drill this year. It is now time to elect Bible Drill leaders to begin work in the fall. They will be looking forward to meeting these leaders and the children at the Bible Drill kick off rally at Zion Hill Activity Center on October 4, 1997 at 4 o'clock p.m.

**BROTHERHOOD:** Mr Ewin Davis reported that they are continuing the ground work for the building for the Hispanic Ministry and had no further report on the project at this time. He encouraged the churches to think about a "handy man ministry" in each church to aid with the need any church member may have.

**MUSIC:** No report.

**WMU:** No report.

**MEDIA/LIBRARY:** No report

**ANNUITY:** No report.

**MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT:** Rev. Bruce Cannon reported that Mr. Tom Jenkins will be at Galeed on August 30, 1997 and challenged everyone to promote it in their church for good attendance to hear what Mr. Jenkins has to say that will aid in the promotion of reaching the world for Christ..

**STEWARDSHIP:** Mr. David Clark presented the Budget Summary report for April through June,1997. He also presented the proposed budget for year 1998. A copy of the budget was distributed to each member. Mr. Clark presented it as a recommendation from the budget committee that it be presented at the annual session for approval. There were no questions or comments. The board voted to present the budget at the annual session in the Fall as presented by the committee with no opposition.

**EVANGELISM:** Rev. Robert Boone reported that he will be attending a session in October for alternative methods of evangelism to get some ideas. He also asked that anyone let him know of suggestions of any type of ministry any church would like to explore. He reported that the Sunday School and Evangelism committee were working together and that there was going to be a Soul Winning Commitment Day on the First Sunday in October and a Sunday School High Attendance Day to be on the last Sunday in October. He will be in contact with all the churches to get the results of each occasion.

Rev. Boone also reported that there is an advertisement on TV now from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. They are promoting giving Bibles and tapes. He challenged members to call the 800 number as a representative will come to the home, and this would enable you to witness to them about Christ. He also said that the Sunday School Board has put out a kit entitled "Mormon Puzzle-Understand and Witnessing for Latter Day Saints" which is available for anyone who would like to use it for training in their church as to their doctrine.

# SPECIAL COMMITTEES REPORTS

**HISPANIC COMMITTEE:** Rev. Steve Butler reported that the first plot of land that was donated for the Hispanic ministry did not perk, and that new land had been donated for the ministry, and there should be no problem because there was water and sewer available. They are waiting for the town of White Lake and their engineers at this time to complete their work. The committee is considering building a worship center with living quarters in the rear of the building instead of building the house for the pastor first.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** Rev. Robert Boone moved that the Membership Committee that was appointed at the Bladen Baptist Association annual Session in November of 1996 be discharged. This committee was formed to work with the Community Baptist Church, who had requested to be received as a new church into the Bladen Baptist Associaation. The committee has met several times with the church and since that time the church has disbanded. He said that further discussion regarding the assets left by the church will be made at the Associational Council Committee report. There was a second to the motion and it carried with no opposition.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Mr. Elwood Cain presented the slate of officers for the year 1997-98 from the committee as listed in the attached report. He moved that the committee report be presented to the annual fall session for approval and it was approved as presented with no opposition.

**CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE:** Mr. Worth Hester opened the floor for any questions or comments regarding the proposed revised constitution and by-laws. A copy of the report had been mailed to all members previously. After discussion and comments the board voted to present the report to the Annual Session to be held in the Fall with no opposition.

**DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS:** DOM Roberts reported that at the Fall Annual Session there would be a final meeting of the unincorporated body and then at this session call a meeting of the new body as incorporated and at that time the new proposed revised constitution and by-laws will be presented for adoption as it is incorporated.

DOM Roberts announced that the Brotherhood and WMU Leadership Conference will be held on August 26, 1997 at Center Road Baptist Church. The Leadership Conference for the other various organizations will be held at Zion Hill Baptist Church on September 30, 1997 and urged the churches to put this on their calendar.

DOM commented on the work the Hispanic Committee has been doing and urged everyone to pray for this committee and the ministry. He explained that the committee was looking at a 40x80 building with 30 feet in one end as living quarters and the balance as a worship center. DOM Roberts asked that he be allowed to give his final report after the new business is presented. Request was granted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Rev Robert Boone, representing the Associational Council, proposed that the monies received from the Community Baptist Church in the amount of $4,404.57 be used for the Hispanic Building Project. The motion was

approved with no opposition.

Rev. Boone also made a motion that the Executive Committee recommend at our annual meeting on October 28, 1997, that the 1998 annual meeting of the Monday night session, October 26, 1998 to begin with registration at 6:45 p.m.; and Tuesday afternoon, October 27, 3:00 till 5:30 p.m. followed by supper and a concluding night session from 6:30 till 9:00 p.m.; further, that by-law V, Section A1 of the new proposed by-laws pertaining to time of the annual meeting be suspended for one year to accommodate such change in meeting time; further that the executive board be given authority to review and extend this suspension until a change in the by-laws can be made, if deemed to be in the best interest of the association, otherwise the association shall revert back to the annual meeting time as it is now stated in the by-laws. After discussion of the reason for the changing of the time to be so the working people may have an opportunity to attend the sessions, the motion carried with no opposition.

**DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS: (CONT.)** DOM Roberts completed his report as follows. He reported that twenty churches had sent in funds for the Hispanic Ministry and including the monies received from the Community Baptist Church there is now $23,167.66 in the account for that ministry. He called for any questions or comments from the board. There were none.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Rev. Robert Gray announced that he had an opportunity to go on a mission trip to Honduras and he would like to have the blessing from the association as well as his church, Shady Grove.

Rev. Steve Butler announced that on August 16, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Bladen Youth Fest '97 to be held at Bladen Community College Auditorium and encouraged all the churches to promote the attendance of their youth to support and also indicated that they need counselors and that there will be a breakfast at the Front Porch for the counselors on August 11, 1997 at 8:30 a.m.

Moderator Thompson announced that there is a man who is bringing contemporary christian music to this area, and that all of the concerts he has attended, with exception of one, there has been an alter call and there has been many who have responded. He encouraged that if material is made available to anyone to take notice.

Rev. Bruce Cannon announced that several from his church are going to Washington, D.C. on October 4, 1997 to be part of a million men and boys that will be standing on the steps of the capital and supreme court buildings, and the White House and encouraged anyone willing to participate plan to attend.

Rev. Robert Carter made a motion that the meeting adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Moderator Thompson closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Michael Thompson, Moderator
Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

# DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT

Whether one's task is easy or difficult is often determined by the people with whom he/she works. For example positive attitudes, cooperative spirits, Christian kindness and personal consideration in addition to other positive attributes make for a pleasant and productive working environment. I can truly say that the above descriptive adjectives are characteristic of the people with whom I work in the Bladen Baptist Association. Therefore this has been a very good year.

The first event of the 1996-97 associational year was an exhibit at the Clarkton Agri-Business Expo sponsored by our Association Evangelism Division. This first time experience for us was very successful thanks to director Rev. Robert Boone and to all who volunteered their time and talents.

The second event was Discipleship Training M-Night held at the Butters Church. The meeting was inspirational and well attended thanks to the good planning and work of our Discipleship Director and her associates. In spite of the above there was not nearly as many churches represented as we would hope. It is our hope and prayer that every church in our association will participate in the M-Night activities in November 1997. In addition churches are encouraged to start Bible Drill Groups.

1997 began with a Brotherhood Banquet at which time the group was supportive of a building project for our Hispanic ministry which was born in the Briar Branch Church through the vision of pastor Steve Butler. The association voted to co-sponsor the work and a Hispanic Ministry Committee was elected. Work on the project has been delayed due to circumstances beyond our control, however it appears that everything is back on track and work should begin soon. The ministry is going great with attendance around 40-50 and many have come to know the Lord as Savior. Please pray for this as well as all our other ministries.

May brought us to Key-Leadership Conferences sponsored annually by our state convention at our assembly at Fort Caswell. Thanks to the faithfulness of our workers, Bladen was well represented. Our own Key-Leadership Conferences were well led and well attended thanks to all our organizational leaders.

*Our WMU Thrift Store continues to perform a great ministry in providing used clothing at a very low cost for those who otherwise might go in need. Thanks to all who contribute items of clothing to this ministry. The store is non-profit under the auspices of Bladen Baptist Association.*

*This ministry contributed $10,000.00 to the associations ministry this year and a total of $78,000.00 has been given since its beginning in 1988. A special thanks Mrs. Joann Rogers and her volunteer staff.*

This was historical year in the Bladen Baptist Association in that the decision was make to incorporate. Articles of incorporation were filed with the Secretary of State on July 14, 1997.

The theme for our annual session is "Live the Faith -Start Something New". I challenge every pastor and church leader to let this become a reality in your church ministry. Together lets make this the greatest year ever in the Bladen Association.

Respectively Submitted
Mack Roberts, Director of Missions

# LETTER FROM ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

For the Associational Missions Development Council to function as it should, it needs input from all the Churches. There must be a networking of information being received from the local Churches regarding missions opportunities, and a networking of information being given back to the local Churches from the Council about missions opportunities.

There are some opportunities within our area that each of us are aware of. The Hispanic work is certainly a tremendous opportunity for each Church to do foreign missions work without leaving home. Yet there are so many other works Bladen Baptist Association can do and must do if we are going to reach our area for Christ. Some works are small enough for the local Churches to handle by themselves. And other works that are so large that several Churches must be partnered together to accomplish all that needs to be done.

The task of the Associational Missions Development Council is to continually receive input from the Churches regarding the needs within our Association, develop that information to the point of determining the amount of work involved, determine how to best go about doing the work, and then pass that information on to interested Churches.

Please select someone from your Church to serve as your Church's Missions Development person. They would be responsible for forwarding information about local mission opportunities to the Associational level, and would in turn take information back from the Associational Council to the local Church. Make certain this person is someone who can catch the vision of what the Lord wants to do in our area. There is no doubt in my mind that we can reach our county for Christ, but we have to do it together.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Bruce E. Cannon, Chairman
Associational Missions Development Council

# DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

Our main emphasis again this year in Associational Discipleship Training has been Children's Bible Drill. We began with a rally at Zion Hill on October 26, 1996. The program was given by Rev. Jody Griffin of Spring Hope, N.C. We served hot dogs for everyone.

Hilda Bryan of Zion Hill Church represented us at the State Bible Drills. She did an excellent job and was winner on the state level.

"M" Night was hosted by Butters Church on November 25, 1996. We had 140 in attendance, representing fifteen (15) churches. The high percentage attendance banner was presented to Butters church and the high attendance banner was presentded to Galeed Church. Music was provided by Galeed Church and a ventriloquist act was given by Becki Boone and Aaron. Rev. Eddie Powers brought us a very challenging message on "Disciples Sharing Christ's Love."

Thank you for your support during the past year. I look forward to working with you in the coming year and ask that you remember Discipleship Training in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted
Etta Smith
Associational Discipleship Supporter

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

When Sunday School is mentioned, many people have fond memories of times spent in learning about Jesus when they were children. At the present time, Sunday School is going through many changes, just as our society is. Teaching methods are changing as the needs of the population change. Outreach, whether for ministry or evangelism, is changing as many people are seeking to reach those they have a relationship with. But while methods will change, the central emphasis in Sunday School will continue to be helping people learn to apply the Bible in their daily lives.

Sunday School has many purposes, including outreach, Bible study, ministry to both prospects and members, worshipping God, and fellowship. In order for the church to prosper in the future, Sunday School must be a strong program which seeks to accomplish these purposes. The effectiveness of the total ministry of the church can be traced to the success of the Sunday School in carrying out its objectives. Sunday School must remain a top priority of our churches in Bladen Baptist Association if we are to accomplish what God would have us accomplish.

Closely related to Sunday School are the programs of Vacation Bible School and the Winter Bible Study. These programs can also improve the work of the church and can meet needs like no other program. Once again this year, Vacation Bible School has been a great success in our churches. Thanks be to God for what He has accomplished through these programs.

Mike Thompson
Associational Sunday School Director

# WMU 1996-1997

**WATCHWARD:** " For we are partners working together for God, and you are God's field. You are also God's building." I Cor. 3:19 TEV

**THEME:** Hand in Hand

Highlights of the WMU and ministries in the Association this year include:

- We sent 456 toothbrushes for the Women's Prisoners in Cary during the month of October.
- GA's Kick off in October resulted in canned food sent to Salvation Army in Whiteville. About 25 attended the event.
- The response from the churches for the Dorthea Dix' Christmas ministry was great!
- November 4th found us at Galeed for the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer.
- On November 24th Zion Hill hosted a Lottie Moon Tea. There were 40 in attendance representing 9 churches.
- GA's went Christmas Caroling combined with a hay ride!
- In February was the Children's Witness Ministry. A total of 99 baskets were compiled from the great response! 33 of the baskets were sent to Southeastern Regional Medical Center and 33 to Bladen County Hospital, and the remaining 33 to Southeastern Family Violence Center.

- April 8th was the date for the annual meeting. Special guest speaker was Alma Hunt former National WMU President. Zion Hill hosted the event. 70 were in attendance.
- On August 26, the Associational Key Leadership Conference was held at Center Roads. The attendance was very good.
- Please continue to support the Thrift Shop with your donation and time!

Respectfully submitted
Elizabeth Bryan
Associational WMU Director

## BROTHERHOOD REPORT

Hurricane "Fran" ushered us into the church year with great force leaving a trail of destruction in its path. Much work was done by many of the churches in our association to assist many people in need, especially the elderly and disabled. The work continued on into the Spring and some yet continues. Thanks to all the churches who participated in this effort.

January (1997) began with an Associational Brotherhood Banquet at which time a decision was made to let our 1997 project be to build a house for the Hispanic Ministry. Land was donated by Mr. Henson Barnes, most churches responded with a love offering and everyone was excited about beginning the project in mid-April. There have been several delays which were beyond our control and a detailed explanation would take several pages; however that it seems everything is now back on track and a work date for the project should be announced in the near future. Brotherhood Directors and Pastors will be notified as soon as we know a definite date.

There has been an expressed interest by some churches and individuals in the association to purchase and equip a disaster recovery trailer. At the time of this writing a meeting was planned at the Elizabethtown Baptist Church for October 25, 1997 for a fellowship meal and opportunity to look at trailers belonging to other associations and sign up for disaster recovery training.

Other special thanks to Mr. Jimmy Cain, our associational RA Director who took several boys on a camping retreat to the mountains of N.C. Everyone had a great time and a trip is already being planned for next year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ewin Davis, Director

## SEMINARY EXTENSION REPORT

Seminary Extension Classes were scheduled to begin in January of 1997. However due to lack of response the classes were counseled. Seminary extension presents a wonderful opportunity for continuing education. The courses are designed for pastors and/or laity who may be interested in better equipping themselves for service.

If you are interested in taking such a course please contact the association office.

Rev. Larry Davis, Seminary Extension Chairman has moved to another association, therefore I am presenting this report in his behalf.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mack Roberts, Director of Missions

## HISPANIC MINISTRY REPORT

The Hispanic Ministry at Briar Branch Baptist Church began with a preliminary planning session in the fall of 1995. God opened all the necessary doors and the mission was created. A local person volunteered as a Hispanic interpreter. Hispanic Pastors from Clinton, Fayetteville and Lumberton made themselves available to contact Hispanic in the area and inform them of the services available for Hispanic at Briar Branch Baptist Church. As interest grew the pastors rotated each week providing a message for the Hispanic services on a regular basis. One of the members of the Clinton Hispanic Church who was assisting with the services and had previous preaching experience, began to feel God's call to lead the Hispanic Ministry at Briar Branch.

Lorenzo Torres was examined by the associational ordaining council and ordained by Briar Branch Church early in the year of 1997. The ministry is now supported by Bladen Baptist Association and by other local churches. An Associational Hispanic Committee meets regularly at the Bladen Baptist Resource Center. Most of the churches in the Bladen Association have contributed financially to the building of a facility for this ministry. Plans are currently being studied and will be presented to the association, hopefully at the '97 annual session, to build a multi-purpose building which will include living quarters for the pastor and his family as well as a center for worship and fellowship.

God has truly blessed this ministry. The average attendance is 40 people. Since the formation of the ministry 39 individuals have come to know the Lord in a personal way. Please continue to pray for this work.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Steve Butler, Chairman
Hispanic Committee

## MUSIC REPORT

We did not have any special musical events in the association during the past year. There were however opportunities for each church to participate in the Volunteer Music Leadership Conference held at Caraway Conference Center. This coming year these same training events will be available and, as in the past, the budget of the music department in our association has been designed to provide scholarships for those churches that might not have a large music budget. Be sure to take advantage of these opportunities.

On a personal note, I have given my resignation as your Associational Music Director effective immediately. For several years I have been in this position and

have enjoyed it tremendously. Due to my schedule as pastor and a single parent, I feel that I cannot devote the time that is necessary for this ministry in our association. I will continue to support all the work done with music and encourage each church to do the same.

Let's look toward a great year in Music in the Bladen Baptist Association.

Respectively Submitted,
J. Darryll Hester
Bladen Baptist Association

## EVANGELISM

When the first believers received the first call to "preach the Gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15), they had to start somewhere. And they started in Jerusalem. We, too, must begin in our own "Jerusalem." Therefore, The Bladen Baptist Association will be assisting churches in the areas of; prayer, personal witness, proclamation, and preservation within the theme known as "CELEBRATE JESUS 2000." Just stay tuned.

Meanwhile, the evangelism team had a booth at the Bladen County Agri/Business Expo on November 8th & 9th. Several hundred tracts were distributed along with approximately 60 New Testaments to those who didn't have one. A bag of jelly beans were given to 200-300 people who stopped to take our "Bible I.Q. Test." Several respondents wanted information about Bladen Baptist Churches in their areas and we referred them to the local churches.

A "PEOPLE SHARING JESUS" rally was held at Dublin First Baptist Church on January 17th & 18th with representatives from 12 churches participating.

Printed materials (including New Testaments) have been made available to a truckers' ministry and to program chairmen and committees within our association.

The Evangelism Team and the Sunday School Department have jointly promoted Soul Winning Commitment Day (Sunday, October 5th) and Sunday School High Attendance Day (October 26th) using the theme, "LIGHT YOUR WORLD."

We plan to be on hand at the Agri/Business Expo again in November of '97.

Your evangelism team stands ready to help you and yours in any way we can. . . . call us!

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Bob Boone, Director

## LEISURE/RESORT MINISTRY REPORT

Leisure Ministry creates opportunities in missions, evangelism, outreach, inreach, caring, meeting needs and MINISTERING to others. I would like to thank everyone who helped to make 1997 a successful year for Leisure/Resort Ministry in Bladen County. People from all walks of life discovered there are people who care about them and were willing to assist them in finding Jesus Christ as Lord.

1998 will be the 30th year that the churches of Bladen Baptist Association have helped with Leisure/Resort Ministry. We will be doing some special events to say

"thank you" to all who have helped during the past 30 years.

Our statistical report on this ministry is submitted by Mrs. Joyce Thomas and follows this report.

May the Lord Jesus Christ keep you and help you to minister wherever you may be to those who cross your path.

Thank You,
Walter Hayes, Chairman

**WHITE LAKE LEISURE MINISTRY**
**Summer of 1997**

| Campsites | Number of Services | Attendance | Average Attendance | Offerings |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Harolds | 16 | 211 | 13 | $ 151.00 |
| Langston | 17 | 506 | 30 | 868.70 |
| Lakeside | 16 | 92 | 6 | 288.82 |
| Marshburn | 20 | 707 | 35 | 732.56 |
| Tar Heel | 17 | 294 | 17 | 306.75 |
| Special Donation For Song Books | | | | 100.00 |
| **TOTALS** | **86** | **1810** | **21** | **$2447.83** |

A Special Thank You to all the workers this year.

**EXPENDITURES**

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| Meal for meeting with guest | 24.47 |
| Hospice Golf Tournament Breakfast | 46.87 |
| Song Books | 104.94 |
| Equipment | 168.89 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | $ 345.17 |

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| October 3, 1996 Balance | $1,770.44 |
| Offerings | 2,447.83 |
| Total Cash To Date | 4,218.27 |
| Less Listed Expense | 345.17 |
| October 6, 1997 Balance | $3,873.10 |
| | |
| Balance on CD at Wachovia | $5,853.25 |

Respectfully Submitted,
Joyce H. Thomas

## STEWARDSHIP

"Moreover, it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful" (I Corinthians 4:2). God requires that His Children be faithful stewards over all that has been entrusted to them. This includes surrendering gifts, time, and talents to The Lord for His Glory and for the edification of His Church.

Pastors and church leaders are urged to emphasize without apology, what God's Word has to say about financial giving. This may be a sensitive subject and many people consider personal finances as "nobody's business but my own." The truth is however that it is God's business and all His children are promised to be blessed more abundantly when following His instructions concerning giving.

Please take a close look at your associational stewardship. It is suggested that you consider giving at least 5% of your budget receipts for associational missions. Many of our churches have done extremely well in this area and it is sincerely appreciated by your associational leadership.

Your church may wish to plan a stewardship emphasis during the coming year. If the associational staff may be of help to you please do not hesitate to call.

Your Stewardship Representative is
David Edge

## THE DOM-RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The DOM-Relations Committee met during the month of July to discuss any problems the Churches of Bladen Baptist Association had with our Director of Missions, or any problems our Director of Missions has in fulfilling his role. As has been the case in all the years past, there were no problems.

From all over the Association words of thanksgiving come forth from our people for the Lord having led Dr. and Mrs. Roberts to us. We thank the Lord for the vision they have for reaching Bladen County for Christ, and for the seemingly tireless efforts on their part to be the leaders we need them to be.

If the DOM-Relations Committee could make any recommendations at all, or share any hopes, it would be that each of us join hands with our Director of Missions, and his wife, and with each other as sister Churches, to do the work our Lord has called us to do. I firmly believe Bladen Baptists can do great things as we "labor together" for the Lord.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Bruce E. Cannon, Chairman
DOM-Relations Committee

## DEACON CONSULTANT REPORT

An Associational Deacons Conference was held April 4, 1997 at First Baptist Church of Dublin with Deacon Specialist Eddie Hammett leading the conference and doing an outstanding job. A delicious meal was enjoyed wisth 68 in attendance. Pastors, Deacons and Spouses enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship and everyone, according to conservation afterwards, seem to profit greatly from the conference.

A 1998 follow-up conference has already been scheduled for May 1, 1998 at Dublin First. Mr. Eddie Hammett will be leading conference. Deacons and pastors will be receiving more detail information as the date approaches. Please place this date on your calendar now.

If there is anyway we may assist you otherwise during the year, please contact me or the associational office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Don Coley

## ORDINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Ordination Council of Bladen Baptist Association questioned and recommended for Ordination the following candidates to the following churches for ordination:

Bryan Blackwell to Natmore Baptist Church
Lorenzo Torres to Briar Branch Baptist Church
Robert H. Britt to Center Road Baptist Church

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. James Brooks, Chairman

## HISTORIAN

Following are the historical events listed in the Annual Church Profiles:
**BEARDS CHAPEL:** A history up-date book was published covering the years 1988-1996
**FRIENDSHIP:** Constructed a utility building at the parsonage.
**GRACE:** Remodeled and doubled the church fellowship hall.
**PEACE:** A new sanctuary was completed and dedicated in January 1997.
**RIVERSIDE:** Church Sanctuary completely remodeled including painting, new carpet, pews refinished and newly cushioned. Classrooms repainted and carpeted. New roof, parking lot... some landscaping. The fellowship hall was also repainted.
**SANDY GROVE:** Built a new fellowship hall which was done with volunteer labor.
**SHADY GROVE:** Pastor Bob Gray made a short term mission trip to Honduras.
**WHITES CREEK:** Led in Youth Crusade at Bladen Community College. Participated in White Lake Resort Ministry. Randy Andrews ordained as a deacon. Baby dedication service in June 1997.
**WHITE LAKE:** Ground Breaking for new fellowship hall on Easter Sunday, March 30th, 1997.
**WHITE OAK:** Rev. James Larry Davis resigned as of September 30, 1997.
**ZION HILL:** Ordained first deacon in 17 years. Rebuilt parking lot. Started new Sunday School Class for single adults. GA girl advanced to state level in Bible Drill Competition.

We continue to feature two churches per year on the front and back covers of The Book of Reports. This year Briar Branch and West Bladenboro are recognized. Please continue to help us by sending any history updates regarding your church to me or the Bladen Baptist Resource Center.

Respectively Submitted
Mrs. Ethelene Barnes, Historian

# 1997 Annuity Board Report to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

The Southern Baptist Convention has given three ministry assignments to the Annuity Board: *Management of Retirement Annuities. Relief for Ministers and Their Widows, and Insurance and Risk Management Programs. Our motto is* ***Serving Those Who Serve the Lord.*** *We've been doing it since 1918.*

Retirement preparation is a career-long endeavor. It requires a commitment by the participant and the employer. The money contributed is invested according to individual participant goals and risk tolerance. Then, at retirement, each participant chooses from a variety of benefit options. In 1996, the Annuity Board paid more than $200 million in benefits, and at Dec. 31, there were 27, 865 on the retirement benefit roles.

Relief benefits totaled $1.51 million last year. In addition, at year end we were paying an extra $50 each month to 2,124 individuals or couples through the Adopt An Annuitant Program. Relief benefits were funded by the Cooperative Program ($1.19 million) and from earnings on the Retired Ministers' Support Fund of the Annuity Board. Adopt An Annuitant benefits are funded by direct gifts to the Board from interested individuals, Sunday School classes or other groups.

Insurance benefits paid in 1996 for life, health, accident and disability claims totaled $107.8 million.

In 1996, trustees of the Annuity Board adopted a resolution, "That no retired minister or his widow should live in poverty." To fulfill that promise, some $12 million will be required in the period 1997-1999. Many retired ministers and widows of ministers do not have adequate financial resources to meet their needs. The Annuity Board cares deeply about these people, and Southern Baptist care, as demonstrated by gifts to the Cooperative Program and Adopt An Annuitant.

Relief will always be a vital part of the Annuity Board's work, but we are committed to promoting proper planning and preparation for retirement and protection from disasters. To that end, the Annuity Board offers a wide range of products and services for Southern Baptist churches, associations, institutions, state conventions and their personnel.

The Church Annuity Plan is the retirement plan designed for pastors, other ministers and eligible employees. It is administered by the Annuity Board in partnership with state conventions.

The Personal Security Program and Employer Security Program offer a variety of insurance plans. They include term life, personal accident, disability and a choice of medical plans.

No Cooperative Program money is used for Annuity Board operating expenses.

## Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Statistics As of June 1997:

- Number of active participants in the Church Annuity Plan: **3,970**
- Percentage of churches active in the Church Annuity Plan: **60%**
- Number of persons receiving retirement benefits: **2,637**
- Number helped by the Adopt An Annuitant and Relief ministries: **364**

If you want more information about Annuity Board products and services, call us toll-free at **1-800-262-0511, or call your Baptist State Annuity Representative.** We want to serve you.

Annuity Board of the
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Rev. Don Coley, Representative

# BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NC
# 1997 Book of Reports

James D. Goldston, III Trustee Chair
Michael C. Blackwell, President

At the sound of a car in his grandmother's carport, Jason looked out the window, and was shocked to see his mother striding toward the house.

She was angry, and Jason shouted, "Lordy, it's momma," as he ran to the back bedroom to call the police.

Just 12 years old, Jason had lived in seven foster care homes and with his grandmother on and off since his father died seven years earlier. His mother's addictions cost her custody of her only son. For whatever reason, tonight she wanted him back.

Out of control, Jason's mother broke open the door and kicked grandmother to the floor. She grabbed her by the hair and "slung me around by the hair of my head," grandmother says, remembering.

Mother shouted for Jason to come out of hiding, and threatened to kill his grandmother. She grabbed a bottle, broke it, and held the jagged edge to grandma's throat, shouting that she would kill her if Jason didn't come out of hiding.

Just then Jason's aunt arrived from a house next door, and held his mother's arms until the police arrived.

Six years later, grandmother beams with pride for Jason, who overcame that tragic, traumatic start in life. Jason garnered academic, athletic and leadership honors in a steady stream at Tuscola High School in Haywood County and is starting college in August 1997 as a freshman at The Citadel.

At Tuscola, he was captain and MVP of the track and cross country teams and a conference champion, vice president for his senior class, Cadet Colonel and ROTC commander in a group of 115 cadets, in National Honor Society, in the top 10 percent of his class, attended leadership events at Western Carolina University and Washington, D.C., and was a peer helper and peer counselor.

At The Citadel he will study political science with a minor in Military history and international affairs. He wants a military career as a fighter pilot, then to enter politics after retirement.

Jason credits Broyhill Home, his home since that traumatic night in his grandma's house.

"All the accomplishments of my life have been made possible by Baptist Children's Homes," Jason said at his final awards banquet at Broyhill Home, where he received top honors for the second year.

"Broyhill has made me into a young man with a future, who knows now where he is going and what he wants to do. They've opened the doors to enable me to do that."

As for grandmother, who was desperate to find a place for Jason after the incident in her house, she prays "every night and I thank God every night that we have a place like Broyhill Home and Baptist Children's Homes."

Jason's story is repeated hundreds of times each year at Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. Not all are as dramatic but every one tells of a young person and a family at the end of an unraveling rope, and of BCH tying a knot in that rope and helping them to hold on.

At four residential campuses, six emergency care cottages, two homes for behaviorally troubled girls, a maternity home, a home, a home for teenage mothers and their babies, therapeutic camping and model day care, 1,398 young people found help in troubled times last year.

During the past year BCH received $1.5 million through the Cooperative Program, and $724,000 through the Thanksgiving Offering. Total church gifts of $3.05 million comprised 25 percent of the BCH budget.

In June 1997 BCH successfully completed the $10.1 million "Light Their Way" Campaign to raise money for operations, capital needs and endowment. Two major priorities of the campaign will be completed in early 1998; the Winifred Lindsay Education/Administrative Center at Odum Home in Pembroke, and the John D. and Amelia W. Johnson Cottage at Mills Home. A third priority, the Hubert M. Craig Lodge at Cameron Boys Camp, has been completed.

A new video, "Families Under Construction" is available to promote the 1997 Thanksgiving offering, which has a statewide goal of $750,000, the largest ever.

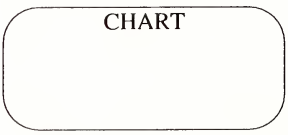
A model program for family preservation has been initiated at Mills Home in Thomasville. Two social workers are on Staff to work intensively with families which are at risk of being separated, but who, with help, can overcome their issues and stay together.

Thomasville Area Director Bill Scarlett also is initiating ways for churches and their members to be directly involved on campus, from tutoring, to cooking to spending early evenings giving personal attention to residents to free staff for more intensive counseling.

Baptist Children's Homes' work was featured in November on "The 700 Club" and in December on CNN. BCH also adoped a missions statement this year, which is "helping hurting children, healing broken families."

Wherever children are hurting and families are strained, BCH strives to heal.

## NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC. 1996 ANNUAL REPORT




The Mission of North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in generating endowment to enhance their permanent financial support. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased individual collective financial support. The Baptist Foundation is committed to assisting individual church members through creative stewardship methods to provide permanent financial undergirding of these ministries.

As of December 31, 1996, the Foundation held $60,892,220 under management. In 1996, $2,600,680 was distributed to Baptist work and $1,259.082 was distrubuted to individuals for a total distrubution of $3,859,762.

The income distrubutions for the entire 77-year history of the N.C. Baptist Foundation totals: $10,932,764 income paid to individuals and $16,059,259 to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $26,992,023.

Richard D. Laws, Chairman of the Board
Ralph W. Dixon, Jr., Executive Director

# REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS
## Meeting the Challenges of Health Care 1997

### HOSPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

Since opening its doors in 1923, the North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated has remained fully committed to the purpose of carrying out a ministry of healing as taught by Jesus Christ. It is this Christ-like spirit that has led patients such as Helen Keller to write: "When I was coming out from under surgery, they treated me with fine love, and I could feel it. I have been in places where it didn't matter how many times you pressed the call button, you would just lie there and wait, but the nurses at Baptist Hospital always came right away. If I ever have to go back to a hospital, this is where I would come."

### BAPTIST BENEVOLENT CARE FUND

Baptist Churches from all across North Carolina joined us in mutual mission through the Mother's Day offering. This annual ingathering of love was approved by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in 1924. In 1996 the MDO amounted to $456,497.00. It was used exclusively to help patients who had little or no health care insurance or other financial means to pay their hospital bills. From this past year's offering, over $200,000 was used to assist members of our Baptist Churches. May God bless all those who gave so generously.

### DIVISION OF PASTORAL CARE

During the year the Chaplains and Staff of the Pastoral Care Department provide worship services in Davis Chapel on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday for patients and family members. The Pastoral Care Department staff supervised 65 students during the year. They made more than 50,000 ministry contacts, an increase of 10% over the previous year.

CareNet, Inc. continues to grow. There are now 13 counseling centers located in strategic areas across the state. During the year these centers will provide over 26,000 hours of counseling.

The Center for Congregational Health, Inc., continues to expand its assistance to ministers and churches. Programs and assistance offered to churches include Consultants and Intentional Interims working with churches as they face the challenges of today. The Young Leader's Program helps in leadership development, and the Clergy Wellness Program, Turning Point, is designed to foster a holistic growth-approach to the individual minister's life calling.

## POINTS OF EMPHASIS AND PROGRESS

**J. Paul Sticht Center** - In April the J. Paul Sticht Center on Aging and Rehabilitation opened the doors of a new 240,000 square foot state-of-the-arts building. Here services are provided to older adults. These services include a geriatric assessment clinic, Acute Care for the Elderly clinic, Alzheimer's disease and memory disorders clinic, osteoporosis clinic, geriatric gynecology clinic, a women's health center, education services, and a legal clinic for seniors. It houses a true "Day Hospital" for seniors - the first in the state - which provides therapy, examinations and rehabilitation as day-time treatment, eliminating costly overnight stays.

**COMPREHAB** - On November 4, 1996, the doors were opened to The Medical Center's new CompRehab Center. The 70,000 square-foot building houses a full spectrum of physical rehabilitation and related clinical services, including a Sports Medicine Center, Foot and Ankle Center, The Hand Center, Outpatient Physical Therapy Center, Spine Center, and the Neurorehabilitation Center.

**TRAUMA CENTER** - The Medical Center has the only designated Level I trauma center in Northwest North Carolina. In the trauma center our goal is for the patient to be in an operating room 10 minutes after arriving at the Emergency Department. Surgeons, anesthesiologists and staff remain on duty 24 hours a day to handle such emergencies.

**TOPS IN RESEARCH** - According to a report in the February issue of Applied Clinical Trials, Bowman Gray School of Medicineranked in the top 10 U.S. clinical research institutions.

**QUALCHOICE** - Established by The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated, Bowman Gray School of Medicine, and Wake Forest University, this managed care plan provides quality health care and patient physician choice. QualChoice is now able to offer coverage to ministers and church staffs.

**WEB SITE** - You can learn more about The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated by checking us out on our Web site at: http://www.bgsm.edu. Here you can find helpful information about nutrition, research, and the division of Pastoral Care.

**HEALTH ON-CALL™** - Need a physician or answers to questions about health topics? Dial (800) 446-2255. A registered nurse will take your call and help you select the right physcian, answer your questions, provide information or mail printed material to you.

**SWITCHBOARD** - Assistance and information can be obtained by contacting one of our helpful and courteous switchboard operators at (910) 716-2011.

## A CLOSING WORD

In the midst of changing health-care norms, we will not deviate from the mission entrusted to us by the Baptist people of North Carolina. We stand fully committed to excellence and compassion, and remain visionary as we face the demands of the health care market. Under the providence of God, we will continue to find the ways and means to be successful without compromise.

Respectfully submitted,
Len B. Preslar, Jr., President
The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated

# BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

## Making Life for Older Adults. . . The Best of Times

**Thank you, North Carolina Baptists!**

Our February Offering this year was the strongest yet. Gifts through the Cooperative Program have come to us above the norm. Thank you for making it possible for us to make this year "The Best of Times" for so many North Carolina Baptist Older Adults.

**NEW PLACES**

**Cliffwood Retirement Community, Fayetteville**

Opening in early 1999, The Cliffwood Retirement Community is designed to meet the needs of middle income Older Adults. It will offer residents a continuum of care ranging from Independent Living and Assisted Living options to nursing care.

**A New Retirement Community, Concord**

Design work for a new continuing care retirement community in the Concord area has begun with ground breaking expected in the spring of 1998.

**NEW PROGRAMS**

**Home and Community Based Programs**

The Solarium Programs for Older Adults suffering from dementia related disorders are well established in the Prince Nursing Center at Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem and in the Rickman Nursing Center at the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville.

A new home and community based program offering respite care to Older Adults in the Asheville area began this year. This service provides safe, structured, creative enrichment for seniors diagnosed with dementia-related disorders such as Alzheimer's disease, and provides relief for families giving in-home care to these dear ones.

**NEW PEOPLE**

**Winston-Salem, Albemarle, Hamilton and Asheville**

**Margaret Almond** has joined the Executive Management Group as Vice President for Development.

**Tammy Harwood** brings nursing and management skills to the position of Home Manager and Administrator at the Taylor House in Albemarle.

**Paulette Richmond** is completing a year of service as Home Manager/ Administrator at The Hamilton Baptist Home in Hamilton.

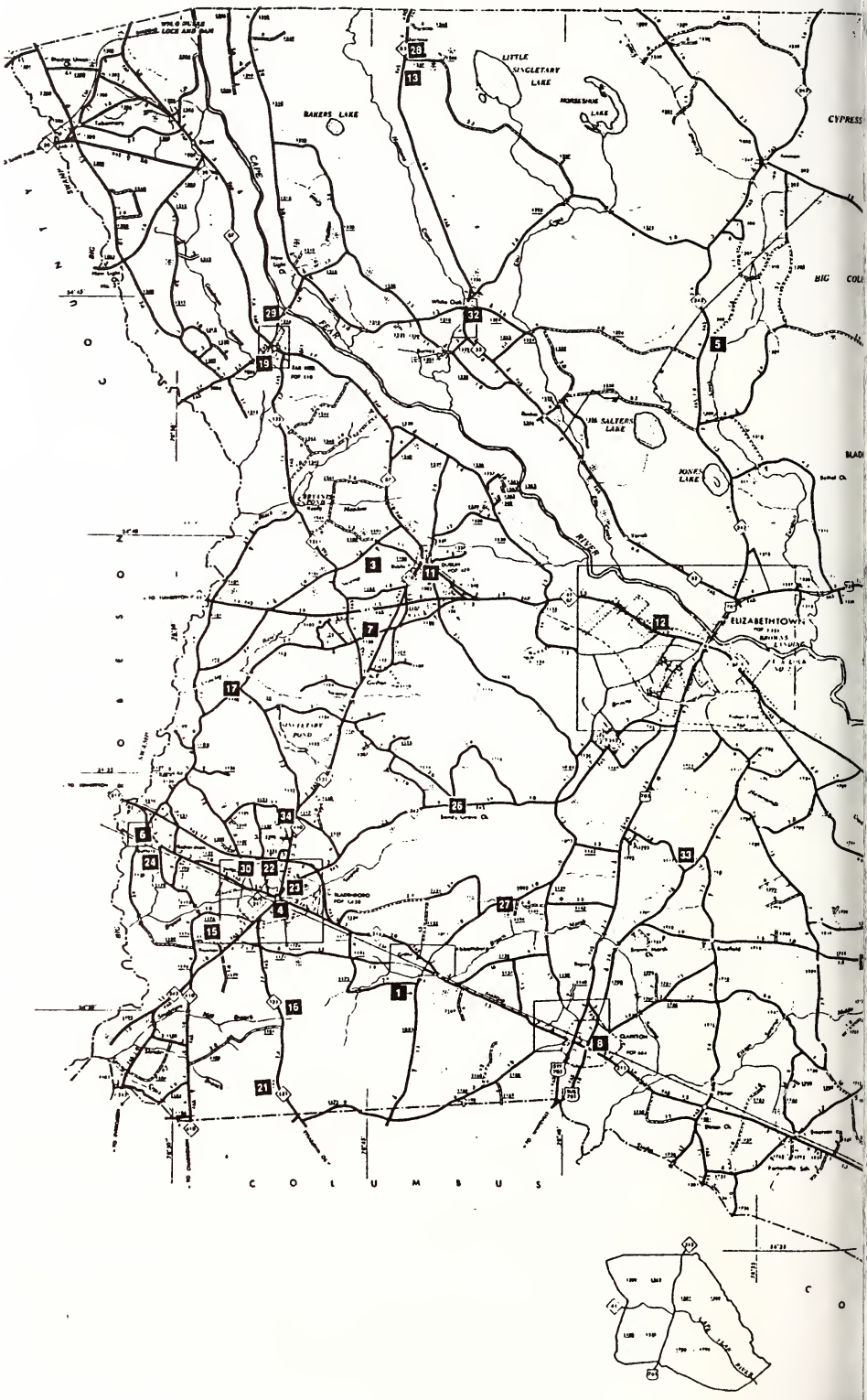
**Edgar Ferrell,** retired pastor of Black Mountain First Baptist, now serves as Chaplain at the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville.

**Calvin Knight** serves as Chaplain at the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem.

We send this report with our gratitude for your prayers and gifts enabling us to make life for Baptist Older Adults . . .

**The Best of Times!**

William B. Stillerman
Baptist Retirement Homes
of North Carolina, Inc.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JONES LAKE
CYPRESS
ELIZABETHTOWN
CLARKTON
C O L U M B U S

## Churches of
## The Bladen Baptist Association

1. ABBOTTSBURG
2. BEARDS CHAPEL
3. BETHEL
4. BLADENBORO, FIRST
5. BRIAR BRANCH.
6. BUTTERS
7. CENTER ROAD
8. CLARKTON, FIRST
9. COUNCIL
10. CYPRESS CREEK
11. DUBLIN, FIRST
12. ELIZABETHTOWN
13. FAITH
14. FRIENDSHIP
15. GALEED
16. GRACE
17. HICKORY GROVE
18. LISBON
19. LOVE GROVE
20. NATMOORE
21. NEW CENTER
22. NORTHSIDE
23. PEACE
24. RICHARDSON
25. RIVERSIDE
26. SANDY GROVE
27. SHADY GROVE
28. SUGGS GROVE
29. TAR HEEL
30. WEST BLADENBORO
31. WHITE LAKE
32. WHITE OAK
33. WHITES CREEK
34. ZION HILL

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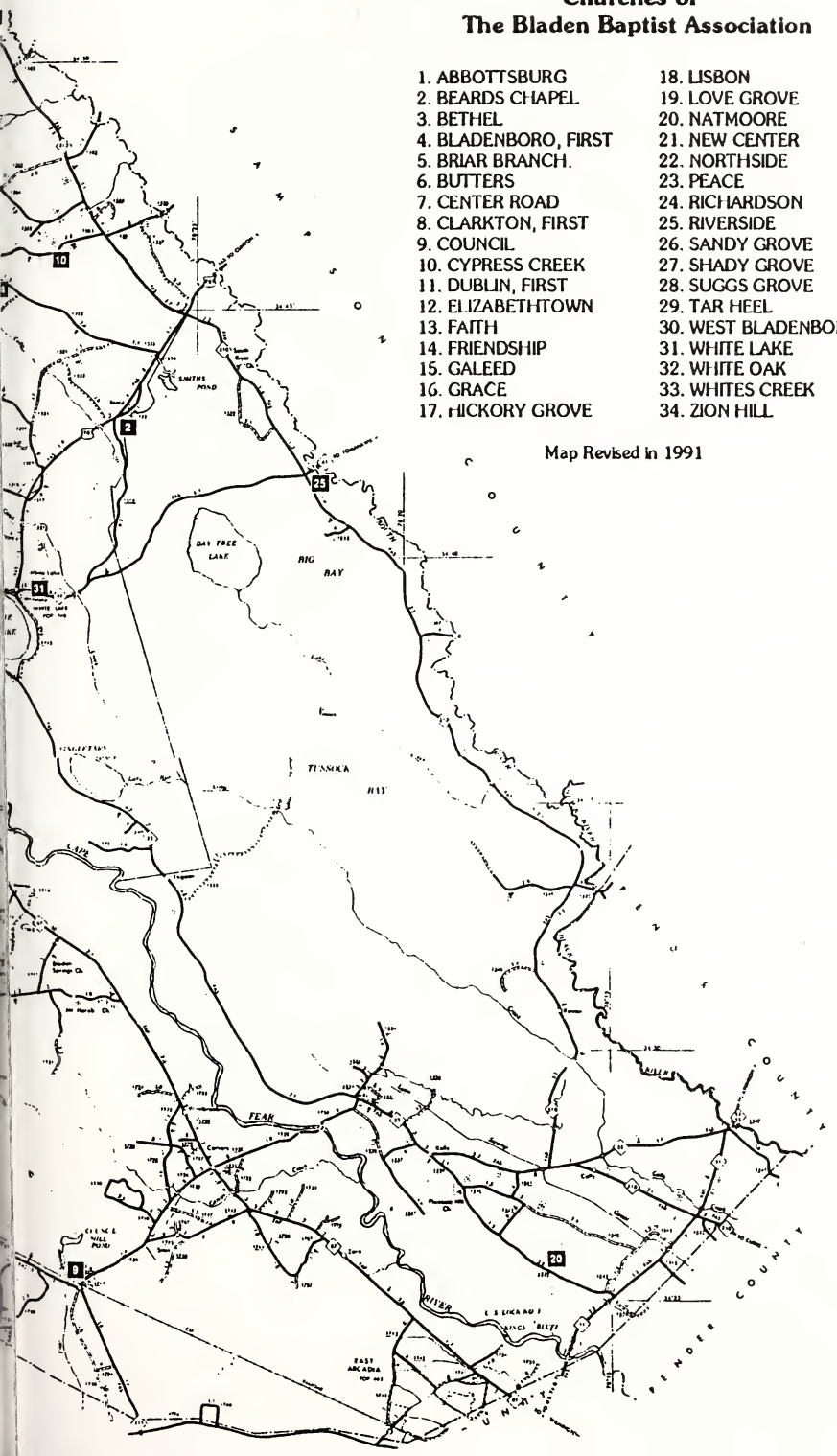

# THE BIBLICAL RECORDER

## Associational Report -- 1997

These are "watershed years" for Baptist! Analysts almost daily remind us that the radical changes in society and the erosion of so much that has been precious to us in our religious life is creating a time of major "transition" as we Baptists and other church groups face the 21st century.

The Biblical Recorder tries to tell the whole story with a focus on the many positive things people are doing in their churches and world missions, along with the crucial issues which cannot be concealed and ignored if we honor our heritage from yesterday and fulfill our mission for tomorrow.

There is no way to address these issues without correct and reliable information. The Biblical Recorder was born and continues to serve for that purpose. In the 164 years of state Baptist papers in North Carolina, never was the Recorder more needed than now for people to have the truth.

People are reading less than any time in recent history at the very time there is an increased number of publications and periodicals. It is true of secular publications, it is true of wholesome books from respected libraries, it is true of religious publications. We live in an electronic age, what some have described as an "information glut."

An informed Baptist is a better Baptist; no democracy, including our local churches, can survive long wisthout an informed, involved constituency which makes decisions based upon accurate information from reliable sources.

The Biblical Recorder should be in every Baptist home in North Carolina. Your support as a subscriber and reader, coupled with your encouragement to others, will enable the paper to better serve the constituency with accurate and helpful information.

In order to save churches large amounts of money and to increase the readership of the Recorder, Church News Service (CNS) was launched in 1990. This system lets any congregation have their church news incorporated into the Biblical Recorder which saves staff time, postage and printing cost. Usually, for less than what it costs to produce the church newsletter, CNS gives the entire Baptist communication package to each family in the congregation. Recent and anticipated increases in mailing costs makes CNS a greater value now than ever before.

The paper deliberately focuses more attention on North Carolina Baptists with news, features and inspirational articles which will encourage individuals and churches in their witness and ministry. One sure way to conquer problems and overcome the barriers to effective witness and ministry is to have the facts, know the issues and be adequately informed.

That is why the Recorder was born; that is why it serves today. For more information on how your church can subscribe or use CNS, contact:

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# Christian Action League of North Carolina, Inc.
# ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS
# 1997

According to Dr. James Kennedy of Coral Ridge Ministries, approximately 6 million crimes are committed in the United States annually. Murder arrests of teens are up 92% since 1985; the number of 13-to 15-year olds arrested for murder nearly doubled between 1982 and 1992; 1.6 million cars are stolen each year; America spends $39 billion a year on police protection, $29 billion on prisons and $10 billion on legal and judicial costs for criminal cases; drunk drivers cost us $110 billion a year, and drug abuse costs $40 billion a year. With these alarming statistics, the Christian Action League of North Carolina is constantly working to restore moral and biblical principles to our state an nation through the legislative process and the public education system and by assisting communities in our state with local battles for civic and moral righteousness.

**A. Christian Values**

- It was the pleasure of the Christian Action League to sponsor the Second Annual Christian Heritage Week In North Carolina, March 16-22. The League encouraged schools, churches and communities to recognize, commenorate and learn about the Christian heritage and history of our nation. We mailed information about a League sponsored essay contest to be written on America's Christian Heritage to all high schools (public and private) in the state and hosted an awards ceremony and banquet for the top state winners of that contest in Raleigh.
- Lobbied for and promoted SB 442, The American History Act. A bill that would allow public school teachers to read or display historical documents even though they contain religious references. This bill passed the legislature and is now a law.
- The League continued a project in 1997 to distribute copies of the Ten Commandments throughout North Carolina. To date, over 10,000 copies of these prints have been distributed.
- Promoted Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.
- Presented copies of Dr. Billy Graham's speech to the May 5, 1997, Joint Session of the General Assembly on audio cassette to members of the Legislature and offered copies through our newsletter. Dr. Graham was being honored for his tremendous worldwide contributions to religion, morality, racial equality and family.
- Promoted and worked for the passage of HB 511, Evolution Not Taught as Fact.
- Published *The Beacon* newsletter quarterly with circulation of 22,000. Kept concerned citizens informed on moral issues via e-mail, fax networks, church and civic club presentations.

**B. Lottery**

Lottery proponents felt this was the year to bring a state-sponsored lottery to North Carolina. The League, through letters, e-mail and faxes, kept the Christian community updated on lottery information and encouraged its members to contact their legislators. The lawmakers received a barrage of letters and calls from across the state saying that the lottery was a bad bet for Norh Carolina. The League will continue to monitor this issue as the session nears an end, but as the session nears an end, but as of today, the lottery seems to have been defeated for another session.

**C. Sex Education**

Worked with other Christian and pro-family groups to see that the state mandate for Abstinence Until Marriage education was implemented state-wide. Also supported efforts to insure that federal grant money was used to promote abstinence education.

**D. Abortion**

The League lobbied for and encouraged its members through Legislative Alerts to write in support of HB 303 and SB 536 (Ban Partial Birth Abortion), HB 594 (Fetus Death from Criminal Act) and HB 536 (Abortion/Woman's Right to Know). We offered the video "Reversing Roe" through our newsletter. This video tells the story of Norma McCorvey (Jane Roe) of the infamous Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court case who after 25-years and 35 million aborted babies tells of her transformation from an abortion industry pawn to a pro-life Christian.

**E. Homosexuality**

CAL supported efforts to strengthen the traditional family and addressed the radical homosexual agenda. Successfully lobbied against legislation that would have eradicated present N.C. law making homosexuality illegal. Offered the powerful and emotional video of Michael Johnston "On Wings Like Eagles". This video tells of Michael's 11 years in the homosexual lifestyle and his struggle between right and wrong and about forgiveness and grace. Michael is founder of Kerusso Ministries, an organization to help others struggling with this sin.

**F. Alcohol**

Monitored all legislation concerning alcohol and other drugs. Successfully supported efforts to strengthen current DWI laws. Worked with communities in helping them set up an organization to combat liquor referenda. Lobbied against SB 838 (ABC Tourism Resorts Permits) SB 837 (Sports Club ABC Permits), SB 447 (Lumberton Economic Development District) and HB 651 (Interstate Economic Zones). These bills allow alcohol sales without the vote of local citizens. Provided awareness, education and resource materials related to substance abuse problems to churches, communities, etc.

**G. Pornography**

Lobbied for SB 452 (Local Regulation of Adult Establishments) and notified citizens to contact their legislators and encourage them to vote for this legislation that would give local governments more control in regulating these establishments.

Respectfully Submitted,
Johnny R. Henderson, Executive Director
Joe S. Lennon, President

# NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES - 1997
## Serving North Carolina Baptists for 862 years

**1996 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY DATA**
**TOTAL ENROLLMENTS (REGULAR AND SUMMER SCHOOL): 24,125**
**GRADUATES: 4,119 - FACULTY: 1,456 - ADMINISTRATION: 161**
**CHURCH-RELATED-VOCATIONS STUDENTS: 526**

### CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY
- Open January 5, 1887 as Buies' Creek Academy.
- Became Buies' Creek Junior College, August 21, 1924.
- Authorized by Baptist State Convention to become Campbell College, December 17, 1926.
- Began a senior college program with the junior class in 1961.
- School of Law founded in 1976.
- Graduate program in Education launched in 1977; in Business, 1978.
- Became Campbell University on June 6, 1979. School of Pharmacy and School of Education founded in 1985.
- School of Divinity founded in 1995.

*Norman A Wiggins, President*

### CHOWAN COLLEGE
- Founded and opened for students a Chowan Female Institute, October 11, 1848.
- First called Chowan Female Collegiate Institute in 1851.
- First called Chowan Baptist Female Institute in 1868.
- Became Chowan College on May 17, 1910.
- Become coeducational senior college, 1931.
- Changed to a junior college, September 1937.
- Changed to senior college status, Fall 1992.

Stanley G. Lott, President

### GARDNER-WEBB UNIVERSITY
- First chartered as Boiling Springs High School, December 2, 1905.
- Opened as Boiling Springs Junior College, September 3, 1928.
- Name changed and new charter granted to Gardner-Webb Junior College, Inc., June 1942.
- Charter amended in conformity to the Constitution of the NC Baptist State Convention, November 1946.
- Became a fully accredited senior college December 1, 1971.
- Became Gardner-Webb University on January 1, 1993, and opened School of Divinity, Fall 1993.

*M. Christopher White, President*

### MARS HILL COLLEGE
- First commencement as French Broad Baptist Institute, July 4, 1856.
- Chartered as Mars Hill College, February 16, 1859.
- Opened as Mars Hill Junior College, August 14, 1922.
- Began a senior college program in 1962.

*A. Max Lennon, President*

## MEREDITH COLLEGE

- Incorporated as Baptist Female University of NC, February 27, 1891.
- Opened for students, September 27, 1899.
- Became Baptist University for Women by legislative enactment, January 20, 1905.
- Became Meredith College by legislative enactment, January 24, 1911.

*John E. Weems, President*

## WINGATE UNIVERSITY

- Authorized as Wingate School of Union Baptist Association, 1895. Opened 1896; chartered 1897.
- Became a junior college in 1923.
- Baptist State Convention assumed sponsorship; withdrew in 1930 and returned Wingate College to support by Union and other associations.
- Trustees first appointed by N.C. Baptist State Convention in 1949.
- Became a senior college in 1977.
- Began offering graduate work in 1985.
- Became Wingate University in 1995.

*Jerry E. McGee, President*

## WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

- Opened as Wake Forest Institute, February 3, 1834.
- Chartered as Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, December 28, 1838.
- Bowman Gray Medical School of Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, officially opened July 1, 1941, first class September 10, 1941.
- Wake Forest College authorized by special session of Convention meeting in Greensboro, July 30, 1946, to move to Winston-Salem.
- First session in Winston-Salem began with the summer term, June 18, 1956; Wake Forest College became a university, June 12, 1967.
- Baptist State Convention and Wake Forest University established a new relationship on November 11, 1986 as described in the Convention 's Constitution, Article XIV.

*Thomas K. Hearn, Jr., President*

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Meredith College has formally requested a new relationship with the Baptist State Convention, patterned after the one with Wake Forest University. The matter will be voted upon during the November 11-12, 1997 Convention.

# INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD FACTS AND FIGURES

*We will lead Southern Baptists to be on mission with God to bring all the peoples of the world to saving faith in Jesus Christ.*

In the September, 1997 meeting with IMB trustees, Avery Willis, the board's senior vice president for overseas operations, described the following as "historic." He said it marked the beginning of a major new advance in Southern Baptist international missions.

*The International Mission Board is changing from focusing on 194 countries to targeting 12,862 people groups in the world. "Countries" describes geopolitical entities; "people groups" describes clusters of people bound together by language, culture and socioeconomic ties. One country can contain hundreds of people groups. The board's shift in focus from countries to people groups helps it more effectively reach previously unevangelized people groups.*

An immediate strategy will be targeting the 187 megapeople (a people group of more than 1 million population in a country). The IMB expects to have its personnel targeting all 187 groups before the end of 1998.

The following annual growth levels reflect the combined reports from all international mission points as of the end of 1996 unless otherwise specified:

- Total number of missionaries under appointment (9/97) ..... 4,232
- Total number of short-term volunteers (9/97) ..... 13,885
- Total number of newly appointed missionaries (9/97) ..... 210
- A record number of newly constituted churches (1996) ..... 2,367
- Number of countries where missionaries reside (assisting in 25 others) (4/97) ..... 127
- Total number of baptisms overseas (1996) ..... 283,674
- Total number of overseas churches (1996) ..... 39,876
- Number of new people groups touched by the gospel (1996) ..... 58
- Total people groups served (4/97) ..... 336
- Baptisms among least-reached peoples (1996) ..... 6,329
- Record amount of Lottie Moon Offering (1996) ..... $93,089,179
- Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal (1997) ..... $100,000,000
- Human needs receipts (9/97) ..... $3,268,754

Thank you Southern Baptists for being obedient to God's call: "Sing to the Lord, bless His name; Proclaim tidings of His salvation from day to day. Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples" Psalms 96:2-3

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# In Memorial

**ABBOTTSBURG**
No Deceased This Year

**BEARDS CHAPEL**
Mr. Paul W. Barnes
Miss Mary E. Smith

**BETHEL**
Mr. Rob Bordeaux
Mr. Fred Bryan
Mrs. Carrie Melvin
Mr. J.B. Monroe
Mrs. Ava G. Priest

**BLADENBORO, FIRST**
Mrs. Carrie Armstrong
Mr. Howard Bryan
Mr. Woodrow G. Fussell
Mr. Raymond Gainey
Mrs. Grace S. Shaw

**BRIAR BRANCH**
Mrs. Ophelia Schoonce
Mr. Claude Smith
Mrs. Wilda White

**BUTTERS**
Mrs. Delores S. Strickland
Mrs. Ruby McLanb
Mr. James Parnell
Mr. Walter Wilkins, Jr.

**CENTER ROAD**
Mrs. Edna Mae Bryan
Mrs. Jimmie Carroll

**CLARKTON, FIRST**
Mr. Lawrence Dorsett
Mrs. Mable L. Harris
Mr. Walker Meggs

**COUNCIL**
Mr. Rodney Squires, Deacon

**CYPRESS CREEK**
Mr. James Bordeaux
Mr. Wade L. Pate, Deacon
Mr. Odell Robinson
Mrs. Wanda S. Rutland

**DUBLIN**
Mr. Lee Dell Garner

**ELIZABETHTOWN**
Mr. Rudolph Cook
Mrs. Audrey George
Mrs. Maimee Melvin
Mrs. Lucy Potter
Mrs. Sarah Smith
Mrs. Ophelia Suggs
Mrs. Minnie Tatum
Mrs. Mildred Thaggard

**FAITH**
Mrs. Lillian Dew

**FRIENDSHIP**
No Deceased This Year

**GALEED**
Mrs. Alice W. Frink
Mrs. Kate Horne
Mrs. Geneva G. Lennon
Mr. Craven Martin
Mrs. Bessie Pope
Mrs. Annie B. Singletary

**GRACE**
Mr. N.J. Cain

**HICKORY GROVE**
No Deceased This Year

**LISBON**
Mr. Ted Duncan, Deacon
Mr. Jewell Register

**LOVE GROVE**
No Deceased This Year

**NATMOORE**
Mr. Joseph Carroll

**NEW CENTER**
Mrs. Zelma Ransom

**NORTHSIDE**
Mr. John Cooper
Mr. Delton Guyton

**PEACE**
No Deceased This Year

**RICHARDSON**
Mrs. Esther S. Williamson

**RIVERSIDE**
Mr. William Jernigan
Mr. Earl Lewis
Mr. Alexander Long

**SANDY GROVE**
Mr. Samuel Cain
Mr. Nathan Hawley
Mr. John Price

**SHADY GROVE**
Mr. Leoda Autry
Mr. James Britt
Mrs. Dorothy Perkins

**TARHEEL**
Mr. Joe Brisson

**SUGGS GROVE**
Mrs. Ethel Edge
Mrs. Lois Edge
Mrs. Ilene Harris
Mrs. Annie S. Leighton

**WEST BLADENBORO**
Mrs. Doris Barr
Mr. Floyd Evers
Mr. Otto Lovette, Deacon

**WHITE LAKE**
Mr. Tim Thomas

**WHITE OAK**
Mrs. Ruby Coble
Mrs. Audrey Rivenbark
Mr. Billy Tatum
Mrs. Julie D. Tatum
Mr. Earl Tatum, Deacon

**WHITES CREEK**
Mrs. Iola Coley
Mr. Lennie Harrelson
Mr. William Johnson
Mrs. Janie H. Perkins
Mrs. Ruby Priest

**ZION HILL**
No Deceased This Year

# GIFTS FOR BUDGET
## YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 1997

| | YEAR-TO-DATE |
|---|---|
| Abbottsburg | 2,975.15 |
| Beard's Chapel | 600.00 |
| Bethel | 1,875.00 |
| Bladenboro, First | 6,600.00 |
| Briar Branch | 950.00 |
| Butters | 1,400.00 |
| Center Road | 3,111.25 |
| Clarkton, First | 4,123.54 |
| Council | 1,200.00 |
| Cypress Creek | 1,975.76 |
| Dublin, First | 2,988.00 |
| Elizabethtown | 7,999.92 |
| Faith | 942.00 |
| Friendship | 1,952.49 |
| Galeed | 5,416.75 |
| Grace | 442.95 |
| Hickory Grove | 1,310.00 |
| Lisbon | 1,792.38 |
| Love Grove | 0.00 |
| Natmoore | 50.00 |
| New Center | 200.00 |
| Northside | 2,187.84 |
| Peace | 0.00 |
| Richardson | 700.00 |
| Riverside | 2,491.75 |
| Sandy Grove | 2,934.00 |
| Shady Grove | 2,400.00 |
| Suggs Grove | 1,550.00 |
| Tar Heel | 2,993.10 |
| West Bladenboro | 1,500.00 |
| White Lake | 3,238.58 |
| White Oak | 1,575.00 |
| White's Creek | 2,368.85 |
| Zion Hill | 2,650.00 |
| TOTAL CHURCH GIFTS | 74,494.31 |
| Individual Gifts/Commun. | 135.62 |
| WMU Thrift Shop | 10,000.00 |
| White Lake Prison | 0.00 |
| State Convention | 1,855.79 |
| Reimburse Copies | 0.00 |
| NC Sales Tax Refund | 1,182.40 |
| Seminary Extension | 0.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,226.34 |
| Annuals | 0.00 |
| Ukraine Gifts | 0.00 |
| | 88,894.46 |

*Bladen Baptist Association* *Treasurer - David Clark*

# BUDGET SUMMARY FOR
# YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

| BUDGET ITEM | | AMOUNT | YR-DATE | ITEM BAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **100** | **EDUCATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL MINISTRIES** | | | |
| 101 | Sunday School | 800.00 | 604.80 | 195.20 |
| 102 | Discipleship Trng. | 800.00 | 221.28 | 578.72 |
| 103 | Brotherhood | 800.00 | 800.00 | 0.00 |
| 104 | W.M.U. | 1,300.00 | 545.91 | 754.09 |
| 105 | Missions Development | 300.00 | 100.00 | 200.00 |
| 106 | Music | 400.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 |
| 107 | Evangelism | 1,000.00 | 644.68 | 355.32 |
| 108 | Pastoral Care | 500.00 | 101.61 | 398.39 |
| 109 | Audio Visuals | 400.00 | 405.28 | -5.28 |
| 110 | Associational Admin. | 200.00 | 194.81 | 5.19 |
| 111 | Seminary Extension | 300.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 |
| 112 | Special Training | 250.00 | 207.63 | 42.37 |
| 113 | Local Missions | 500.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| 114 | Youth Ministry | 300.00 | 200.00 | 100.00 |
| **200** | **ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES** | | | |
| 201 | Postage | 1,500.00 | 1,480.12 | 19.88 |
| 202 | Office Supplies | 3,000.00 | 2,752.56 | 247.44 |
| 203 | Equipment & Maint. | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 0.00 |
| 204 | Utilities | 3,000.00 | 2,766.75 | 233.25 |
| 205 | Bldg. & Grounds | 1,000.00 | 886.96 | 113.04 |
| 206 | Insurance | 1,300.00 | 1,374.00 | -74.00 |
| 207 | Books & Literature | 300.00 | 91.95 | 208.05 |
| 208 | Ser. Min. Car, Travel | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 |
| 209 | Convention & Assemb. | 1,000.00 | 922.82 | 77.18 |
| 210 | Annuity (Retirement) | 7,145.00 | 7,145.00 | 0.00 |
| 211 | F.I.C.A. (DOM) | 4,186.32 | 4,186.32 | 0.00 |
| 212 | F.I.C.A. (Secretary) | 975.00 | 778.08 | 196.92 |
| 213 | Housing & Util. DOM | 11,684.00 | 11,684.00 | 0.00 |
| 214 | Medical Spend. Fund | 1,500.00 | 1,481.68 | 18.32 |
| 215 | Annuals | 500.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| **300** | **SALARIES** | | | |
| 301 | DOM Salary | 17,253.60 | 17,253.60 | 0.00 |
| 302 | Secretary Salary | 12,712.96 | 10,191.83 | 2,521.13 |
| 303 | Clerk | 873.60 | 873.60 | 0.00 |
| **400** | **MISCELLANEOUS** | | | |
| 401 | Emergency | 250.00 | 0.00 | 250.00 |
| 402 | Christmas Gift DOM | 250.00 | 250.00 | 0.00 |
| 403 | Contingency | 200.00 | 200.00 | 0.00 |
| **500** | **HISPANIC MINISTRY** | | | |
| 501 | Hispanic Ministry | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 | 0.00 |
| | TOTALS | 88,680.48 | 81,545.27 | 7,135.21 |

**YEAR ACCOUNT SUMMARY**

| ACCOUNT | BAL | RECEIPTS | TOTAL CSH | EXPENSES | END BAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Budget | 49,362.34 | 88,894.46 | 138,256.80 | 84,470.24 | 53,786.56 |
| Contingency Fund | 3,005.52 | 0.00 | 3,005.52 | 0.00 | 3,005.52 |
| Federal Taxes | 0.00 | 1,811.00 | 1,811.00 | 1,811.00 | 0.00 |
| F.I.C.A. | 0.00 | 746.58 | 746.58 | 746.58 | 0.00 |
| State Taxes | 0.00 | 1,013.65 | 1,013.65 | 1,013.65 | 0.00 |
| Ukraine Scholarship | 8,183.09 | 8,317.00 | 16,500.09 | 9,417.43 | 7,082.66 |
| Hispanic Mission | 440.00 | 800.00 | 1,240.00 | 1,020.81 | 219.19 |
| 1996 Annuals | 606.00 | 600.00 | 1,206.00 | 849.65 | 356.35 |
| Evangelism 1997 | 400.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 | 0.00 |
| 1997 Annuals | 0.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 |
| TOTALS | 61,996.95 | 102,332.69 | 164,329.64 | 99,729.36 | 64,600.28 |

*Bladen Baptist Association* *Treasurer - David Clark*

# TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR
# YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

| CHURCHES | YEAR'S RECEIPTS |
|---|---|
| Abbottsburg | 2,975.15 |
| Beard's Chapel | 711.00 |
| Bethel | 2,775.00 |
| Bladenboro, First | 6,600.00 |
| Briar Branch | 950.00 |
| Butters | 1,424.00 |
| Center Road | 3,231.25 |
| Clarkton, First | 5,145.54 |
| Council | 1,212.00 |
| Cypress Creek | 2,011.76 |
| Dublin, First | 3,888.00 |
| Elizabethtown | 7,999.92 |
| Faith | 948.00 |
| Friendship | 2,412.49 |
| Galeed | 5,464.75 |
| Grace | 442.95 |
| Hickory Grove | 1,430.00 |
| Lisbon | 1,864.38 |
| Love Grove | 0.00 |
| Natmoore | 50.00 |
| New Center | 200.00 |
| Northside | 3,235.84 |
| Peace | 0.00 |
| Richardson | 718.00 |
| Riverside | 2,491.75 |
| Sandy Grove | 2,964.00 |
| Shady Grove | 2,400.00 |
| Suggs Grove | 1,568.00 |
| Tar Heel | 2,993.10 |
| West Bladenboro | 1,500,00 |
| White Lake | 3,238.58 |
| White Oak | 1,623.00 |
| Whites Creek | 2,380.85 |
| Zion Hill | 3,650.00 |
| TOTAL CHURCH GIFTS | 80,499.31 |
| Individual Gifts/Commun. | 135.62 |
| WMU Thrift Shop | 10,000.00 |
| White Lake Prison | 0.00 |
| State Convention | 1,855.79 |
| Reimburse Copies | 0.00 |
| NC Sales Tax Refund | 1,182.40 |
| Seminary Extension | 0.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,226.34 |
| Annuals | 12.00 |
| Ukraine Gifts | 3,850.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 98,761.46 |

# 1998 BUDGET
# BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

| | | 1997 BUDGET | 1998 BUDGET |
|---|---|---|---|
| **100** | **EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES** | | |
| 101 | Sunday School | $ 800.00 | $ 800.00 |
| 102 | Discipleship Trng. | 800.00 | 600.00 |
| 103 | Brotherhood | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| 104 | W.M.U. | 1,300.00 | 1,400.00 |
| 105 | Missions Development | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 106 | Music | 400.00 | 300.00 |
| 107 | Evangelism | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 108 | Pastoral Care | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 109 | Audio Visual (Media) | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| 110 | Association Administration | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| 111 | Seminary Extension | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 112 | Special Training | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| 113 | Local Missions | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 114 | Youth Ministry | 300.00 | 600.00 |
| **TOTAL** | | **$ 7,850.00** | **$ 7,950.00** |
| **200** | **ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES** | | |
| 201 | Postage | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 202 | Office Supplies | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| 203 | Office Equipment & Maint. | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 |
| 204 | Utilities | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| 205 | Bldg. & Grounds Maint. | 1,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| 206 | Insurance | 1,300.00 | 1,400.00 |
| 207 | Books & Literature | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 208 | Services Ministries, Car, Travel | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 209 | Convention & Assemblies | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 210 | Annuity (Retirement) | 7,145.00 | 7,145.00 |
| 211 | SS DOM (Reimbursement) | 4,186.32 | 5,186.02 |
| 212 | Social Security - Secretary | 975.00 | 1,011.44 |
| 213 | Housing & Utilities | 11,684.00 | 11,884.00 |
| 214 | Medical Spend. Fund | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 215 | Annuals | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| **TOTAL** | | **$ 43,290.32** | **$ 45,626.46** |
| **300** | **SALARIES** | | |
| 301 | Director of Missions | 17,253.60 | 17,757.00 |
| 302 | Secretary Salary | 12,712.96 | 13,221.00 |
| 303 | Clerk | 873.60 | 908.54 |
| **TOTAL** | | **$ 30,840.16** | **$ 31,886.54** |
| **400** | **MISCELLANEOUS** | | |
| 401 | Emergency | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| 402 | DOM/Sec. Christmas Gift | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| 403 | Contingency | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| **TOTAL** | | **$ 700.00** | **$ 700.00** |
| **500** | **MISSIONS** | | |
| 501 | Hispanic Mission | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 |
| **GRAND TOTALS** | | **$ 88,680.48** | **$ 92,163.00** |

# HISTORICAL TABLE-BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October, 1892, the Cape Fear Associations met at Shady Grove Baptist Church. The Churches of Bladen County were called to a meeting later in October at Browns Creek Baptist Church to discuss the organization of a Bladen County Association. Delegates at the meeting decided to organize. On November 7, 1892, delegates from the churches of Bladen County met at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Lisbon, and organized the Bladen County Baptist Association. In the Historical Table this meeting is designated the First Annual Session.

| Session | Year | Church | Moderator | Clerk | Preacher |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 1892 | Mt. Pleasant | William Brunt | H.B. Register | W.S. Melvin |
| 2. | 1893 | Cypress Creek | William Brunt | H.B. Register | A.J. Broadax |
| 3. | 1894 | Galeed | William Brunt | F.S. Averitt | R.L. Byrd |
| 4. | 1895 | White Oak | William Brunt | F.S. Averitt | William Brisson |
| 5. | 1896 | Hickory Grove | William Brunt | F.S. Averitt | William Brunt |
| 6. | 1897 | Clarkton | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | C.E. Be |
| 7. | 1898 | White Oak | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | I.P. Hedgepeth |
| 8. | 1899 | Frenches Creek | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | E.J. Edwards |
| 9. | 1900 | Mt. Pleasant | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | W.S. Ballard |
| 10. | 1901 | Garland | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | H.C. Dillard |
| 11. | 1902 | Galeed | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | R.L. Byrd |
| 12. | 1903 | White Oak | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | R.L. Byrd |
| 13. | 1904 | Shady Grove | | F.S. Averitt | A.H. Porter |
| 14. | 1905 | White Lake | William Brunt | F.S. Averitt | J.S. Farmer |
| 15. | 1906 | Hickory Grove | R.M. Hilburn | F.S. Averitt | H.B. Humphrey |
| 16. | 1907 | White Oak | R.M. Hilburn | F.S. Averitt | P.T. Britt |
| 17. | 1908 | Abbottsburg | R.M. Hilburn | F.S. Averitt | Livingston Johnson |
| 18. | 1909 | White Lake | R.M. Hilburn | F.S. Averitt | P.O. Meeks |
| 19. | 1910 | Mt. Zion | R.H. Hilburn | F.S. Averitt | A.L. Betts |
| 20. | 1911 | White Oak | W.W. Woodhouse | F.S. Averitt | I.P. Hedgepeth |
| 21. | 1912 | Bethel | W.W. Woodhouse | F.S. Averitt | J.M. Flemming |
| 22. | 1913 | White Oak | W.W. Woodhouse | F.S. Averitt | J.M. Hester |
| 23. | 1914 | Bladenboro | N.A. Layton | F.S. Averitt | Livingston Johnson |
| 24. | 1915 | White Oak | N.A. Layton | F.S. Averitt | R.L. Boyd |
| 25. | 1916 | Bethel | N.A. Layton | F.S. Averitt | J.D. Howell |

| Session | Year | Church | Moderator | Clerk | Preacher |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 26. | 1917 | White Oak | N.A. Layton | F.S. Averitt | R.L. Byrd |
| 27. | 1918 | Elizabethtown | N.A. Layton | F.S. Averitt | R.L. Byrd |
| 28. | 1919 | White Oak | R.E. Powell | F.S. Averitt | R.E. Powell |
| 29. | 1920 | Center Road | R.E. Powell | F.S. Averitt | E.O. Johnson |
| 30. | 1921 | Elizabethtown | R.E. Powell | D.B. Johnson | R.E. Powell |
| 31. | 1922 | Hickory Grove | S.N. Watson | Seth Lewis | S.N. Watson |
| 32. | 1923 | White Oak | W.O. Biggs | Seth Lewis | W.D. Pridgen |
| 33. | 1924 | Galeed | S.N. Watson | Seth Lewis | S.N. Watson |
| 34. | 1925 | Love's Grove | S.N. Watson | Seth Lewis | W.O. Biggs |
| 35. | 1926 | Clarkton | W.O. Biggs | Seth Lewis | S.N. Watson |
| 36. | 1927 | White Oak | R.J. Hester | Seth Lewis | L.E. Dutton |
| 37. | 1928 | Whites Creek | W.D. Pridgen | Seth Lewis | S.N. Watson |
| 38. | 1929 | Bladenboro | W.D. Pridgen | Seth Lewis | W.O. Biggs |
| 39. | 1930 | Clarkton | W.D. Pridgen | Seth Lewis | W.A. Coleman |
| 40. | 1931 | Elizabethtown | W.O. Biggs | Seth Lewis | J.M. Page |
| 41. | 1932 | Hickory Grove | W.O. Biggs | Seth Lewis | R.J. Hall |
| 42. | 1933 | Bethel | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | C.R. Hinton |
| 43. | 1934 | Abbottsburg | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | E.A. Paul |
| 44. | 1935 | White Oak | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | J.C. Hough |
| 45. | 1936 | Tar Heel | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | Joel Johnson |
| 46. | 1937 | Sandy Grove | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | J.M. Page |
| 47. | 1938 | Center Road | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | W.O. Biggs |
| 48. | 1939 | White Lake | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | C.B. Horne |
| 49. | 1940 | Bethel | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | M.O Alexander |
| 50. | 1941 | Zion Hill | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | E.H. Canady |
| 51. | 1942 | Whites Creek | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | R.F. Marshburn |
| 52. | 1943 | Galeed | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | S.R. Goodman |
| 53. | 1944 | Clarkton | W.W. Woodhouse | Seth Lewis | H. Laughridge |
| 54. | 1945 | Hickory Grove | W.W. Woodhouse | Seth Lewis | C.S. Smith |
| 55. | 1946 | Bladenboro | W.W. Woodhouse | Seth Lewis | A.D. Frazier |
| 56. | 1947 | Cypress Creek | W.W. Woodhouse | Seth Lewis | A.P. Stevens |
| 57. | 1948 | Shady Grove | W.W. Woodhouse | Seth Lewis | C.P. Burchett |
| 58. | 1949 | Elizabethtown | W.W. Woodhouse | R.A. Britt | B.W. Howell |
| 59. | 1950 | Lisbon | W.W. Woodhouse | R.A. Britt | John A. Moore |

| Session | Year | Church | Moderator | Clerk | Preacher |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 60. | 1951 | Center Road | C.D. Brisson | R.A. Brit | J.B. Dasher |
| 61. | 1952 | Love's Grove<br>Clarkton | C.D. Brisson | Leon D. Smith | F.W. Naylor<br>M.M. Turner |
| 62. | 1953 | Dublin First<br>Sandy Grove | Leon D. Smith | John A. Moore | John H. McCrimmon<br>R.W. Walton |
| 63. | 1954 | Sandy Grove<br>Zion Hill | Leon D. Smith | John A. Moore | Mark Owens<br>Joel S. Johnson |
| 64. | 1955 | Bladenboro First<br>Hickory Grove | Leon D. Smith | Mrs. D.J. McDaniel | Dean L. Minton<br>T.H. Lambert |
| 65. | 1956 | Lisbon<br>Center Road | J.H. McCrimmon | Thomas Carroll | Jessie McLamb<br>Vance Tyson |
| 66. | 1957 | Dublin First<br>Shady Grove | Joe A. Campbell | Thomas Carroll | Earl Hales<br>J.C. Shaw |
| 67. | 1958 | Whites Creek<br>Bethel | Thomas A. Wolfe | Thomas Carroll | John H. McCrimmon<br>Joel S. Johnson |
| 68. | 1959 | Elizabethtown<br>Clarkton | E.R. Boyd | Thomas Carroll | E.R. Boyd<br>Thomas Wolfe |
| 69. | 1960 | Cypress Creek<br>White Oak | Oren Honeycutt | Edd Nye | Thomas Wolfe<br>S.W. Jolly |
| 70 | 1961 | Galeed<br>Butters | Sidney Britt | Edd Nye | Jerry Wallace<br>Gaston Hester |
| 71. | 1962 | Dublin First<br>Riverside | Jerry Wallace | Walter Bryan | R.E. Carter<br>A.P. Stevens |
| 72. | 1963 | Northside<br>White Lake | Jerry Wallace | Walter Bryan | Jennis McLamb<br>Vance Tyson |
| 73. | 1964 | Suggs Grove<br>Sandy Grove | Eugene Gaskins | Walter Bryan | Joe Dempsey<br>L.W. McKeithan |
| 74. | 1965 | Bethel<br>Shady Grove | Eugene Gaskins | Leola G. McDaniel | Thomas Womble<br>Gaston Hester |
| 75. | 1966 | Zion Hill<br>Clarkton | Edd Nye | Leola G. McDaniel | Garland Bordeaux<br>J.O. Royal |
| 76. | 1967 | Bladenboro First<br>Whites Creek | Edd Nye | Leola G. McDaniel | Nathan C. Brooks<br>James C. Ray |

| Session | Year | Church | Moderator | Clerk | Preacher |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 77. | 1968 | Elizabethtown<br>Tar Heel | S.W. Jolly | Othella S. Heflin | O.L. Sherrill<br>Eddie Raynolds |
| 78. | 1969 | Center Road<br>Whites Creek | Thomas Womble | Othella S. Heflin | Perry Crouch<br>C.E. Brisson |
| 79. | 1970 | Hickory Grove<br>Beards Chapel | Porter Cain | Othella S. Heflin | Eual Lawson<br>Nash Odom |
| 80. | 1971 | Butters<br>White Lake | Nash Odom | Ruth W. Prince | R. Tom Green<br>Eugene Gaskins |
| 81. | 1972 | Abbottsburg<br>Galeed | Nash Odom | Ruth W. Prince | Joe Watterson<br>L.L.Barnes |
| 82. | 1973 | Dublin First<br>Suggs Grove | S.W. Jolly | Ruth W. Prince | Perry Crouch<br>Alfred N. Honeycutt |
| 83. | 1974 | Sandy Grove<br>Bethel | S.W. Jolly | Ruth W. Prince | Jimmy Morris<br>Robert Byrd |
| 84. | 1975 | West Bladenboro<br>Cypress Creek | J.C. Ray | Ruth W. Prince | J.N. Evans<br>Paul Forrester |
| 85. | 1976 | Whites Creek<br>Briar Branch | J.C. Ray | Virginia S. Gaskins | John Bunn<br>Walter Martin |
| 86. | 1977 | Riverside<br>Clarkton, First | Paul Forrester | Virginia S. Gaskins | Cecil Ray<br>George Langley |
| 87. | 1978 | Friendshuip<br>Zion Hill | Paul Forrester | Virginia S. Gaskins | Earl Henry<br>Roger Gilbert |
| 88. | 1979 | Elizabethtown<br>Bladenboro, First | Bruce Lanier | E.P. Lockamy | Bruce Lanier<br>Rupert Rivenbark |
| 89. | 1980 | Northside<br>Center Road | Bruce Lanier | E.P. Lockamy | Rupert Rivenbark<br>Bruce Lanier |
| 90. | 1981 | Bethel<br>White Oak | Charles Hester | E.P. Lockamy | Phillip McLean<br>Harold Shirley |
| 91. | 1982 | Hickory Grove<br>Suggs Grove | Charles Hester | E.P. Lockamy | Earl Farthing<br>Tim Sellers |
| 92. | 1983 | Lisbon<br>Tar Heel | Earl Farthing | E.P. Lockamy | Charles Allen<br>James D. Hester |
| 93. | 1984 | Riverside<br>Galeed | Harold Shirley | E.P. Lockamy | L.L. Barnes<br>Allen Grey |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 94. | 1985 | Sandy Grove<br>Dublin, First | Harold Shirley | E.P. Lockamy | Eugene Gaskins<br>Ernest Packer |
| 95. | 1986 | Suggs Grove<br>Shady Grove | James Brooks | Myrtle Lockamy | Carroll Fonvielle<br>Bervin Ferguson |
| 96. | 1987 | Faith<br>Love Grove | James Brooks | Myrtle Lockamy | William Harrison<br>Milton McCormick |
| 97. | 1988 | West Bladenboro<br>Galeed | Clyde Coates | Myrtle Lockamy | Tim Sellers<br>Bervin Ferguson |
| 98. | 1989 | Briar Branch<br>Bethel | Clyde Coates | Myrtle Lockamy | David Rutland<br>John Lott |
| 99. | 1990 | Abbottsburg<br>Friendship | Charles Little | Myrtle Lockamy | John Lott<br>Paul Forrester |
| 100. | 1991 | Lisbon<br>Elizabethtown | Charles Little | Myrtle Lockamy | Paul Forrester<br>Carroll Fonvielle |
| 101. | 1992 | Zion Hill<br>Cypress Creek | Jerry Beck | Myrtle Lockamy | Earl Farthing<br>Michael Thompson |
| 102. | 1993 | Sandy Grove<br>White Oak | Jerry Beck | Marjorie Smith | Dwight Cooper<br>Jerry Beck |
| 103. | 1994 | Suggs Grove<br>Northside | Jerry Beck | Marjorie Smith | David Rutland<br>Sidney Britt |
| 104. | 1995 | Tar Heel<br>Dublin | David Rutland | Virginia Gause | Sidney Britt<br>James Brooks |
| 105. | 1996 | Hickory Grove<br>Cypress Creek | David Rutland | Virginia Gause | James Brooks<br>Clyde Coates |
| 106. | 1997 | Center Road<br>Friendship | Michael Thompson | Virginia Gause | Bruce Cannon<br>Robert Boone |

MEMBER/CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

ASSOCIATION
BLADEN BAPT ASSN

1-Total Membership
2-Resident Membership
3-TOTAL BAPTISMS
a-Baptisms Under 6
b-Baptisms Age 6-8
c-Baptisms Age 9-11
d-Baptisms Age 12-17

| Congregation | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3a | 3b | 3c | 3d |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG BAPT CH | Bladen | 170 | 114 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| BEARDS CHAPEL, GARLA | Bladen | 100 | 61 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bethel Baptist Churc | Bladen | 357 | 287 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BLADENBORO FIRST BAP | BLADEN | 422 | 283 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| BRIAR BRANCH, ELIZAB | Bladen | 126 | 91 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| BUTTERS | Bladen | 191 | 191 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| CENTER ROAD, BLADENB | Bladen | 382 | 265 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| CLARKTON | Bladen | 359 | 212 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| COUNCIL | BLADEN | 90 | 47 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cypress Creek Missio | Bladen | 86 | 71 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DUBLIN | Bladen | 412 | 362 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | USA | 496 | 445 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| FAITH, WHITE OAK | Bladen | 79 | 72 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Friendship Missionar | Bladen | 125 | 98 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| GALEED BAPT CH, BLAD | BLADEN | 564 | 410 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| GRACE, BLADENBORO | Bladen | 82 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| HICKORY GROVE, BLADE | Bladen | 291 | 271 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| LISBON, CLARKTON | Bladen | 160 | 93 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LOVE GROVE, TAR HEEL | BLADEN | 108 | 65 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| NATMOORE, KELLY | Bladen | 98 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NEW CENTER, BLADENBO | BLADEN | 157 | 102 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NORTHSIDE, BLADENBOR | Bladen | 257 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| PEACE BAPT, BLADENBO | Bladen | 39 | 20 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RICHARDSON, BLADENBO | Bladen | 52 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

For 1996-97 Associational Year

e-Baptisms Age 18-29
f-Baptisms Age 30-59
g-Baptisms Age 60 & Up
4-Other Additions
5-New Member Training
6-Year Organized
7-Year Pastor Came
8-LOCATION CODE
A-Open Country MEDIUM CITY LARGE CITY
B-Village E-Downtown H-Downtown
C-Town F-Neighborhood I-Neighborhood
D-Small City G-Suburbs J-Suburbs
9-AM Worship Service Attendance
10-Church-Type Missions Started
11-Church-Type Missions Operated
12-Lost/Unchurched (Y/N)
13-Associational Giving on Percentage Basis (Y/N)
14-Intercessory Prayer Ministry (Y/N)
R/E-Racial/Ethnic Code (1-White, Non-Hispanic; 2-Black (African-American); 3-Hispanic; 4-Native American; 5-Korean; 6-Chinese; 7-Other

| 3e | 3f | 3g | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | R/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 1870 | 1996 | A | 55 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1888 | 1989 | A | 42 | 0 | 0 | Y | N | N | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1881 | 1988 | A | 103 | 0 | 0 | N | N | Y | 1 |
| 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1911 | 1993 | C | 150 | 0 | 0 | N | Y | N | 1 |
| 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1845 | 1990 | A | 34 | 0 | 1 | N | Y | N | 1 |
| 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1932 | | A | 108 | 0 | 0 | N | N | N | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1885 | 1994 | A | 130 | 0 | 0 | N | N | N | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 1884 | 1989 | C | 58 | 0 | 0 | N | Y | Y | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1912 | | A | 62 | 0 | 0 | N | N | N | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1853 | 1995 | A | 53 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1950 | 1997 | B | 84 | 0 | 0 | N | N | N | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 1903 | 1996 | C | 200 | 0 | 0 | Y | N | N | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1978 | 1995 | A | 28 | 0 | 0 | N | Y | Y | 1 |
| 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1976 | 1995 | A | 58 | 0 | 0 | N | Y | N | 1 |
| 4 | 1 | 0 | 19 | 25 | 1876 | 1989 | A | 256 | 0 | 0 | Y | N | Y | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1959 | 1957 | A | 65 | 0 | 0 | N | N | N | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1834 | 1976 | A | 105 | 0 | 0 | N | N | Y | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1870 | 1996 | B | 75 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | N | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1872 | 1992 | B | 50 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | N | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1862 | 1997 | A | 38 | 0 | 0 | N | N | Y | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1947 | 1986 | A | 52 | 0 | 0 | N | N | N | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 1954 | 1983 | C | 145 | 0 | 0 | N | Y | Y | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1989 | 1991 | D | 20 | 0 | 0 | Y | N | Y | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1914 | 1987 | A | 15 | 0 | 0 | N | Y | Y | 1 |

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| Congregation | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3a | 3b | 3c | 3d |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RIVERSIDE, HARRELLS | Bladen | 230 | 163 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| SANDY GROVE BAPT CH | Bladen | 311 | 216 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| SHADY GROVE, BLADENB | BLADEN | 212 | 169 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| SUGGS GROVE BAPT CH | Bladen | 166 | 120 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| TAR HEEL BAPT CH | Bladen | 275 | 195 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| WEST, BLADENBORO | Bladen | 238 | 189 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| WHITE LAKE, ELIZABET | Bladen | 218 | 138 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WHITE OAK | Bladen | 190 | 124 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| White's Creek Baptis | Bladen | 270 | 226 | 15 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| ZION HILL, BLADENBOR | BLADEN | 207 | 157 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| TOTALS | | 7520 | 5412 | 120 | 0 | 14 | 27 | 36 |

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e-Baptisms Age 18-29
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6-Year Organized
7-Year Pastor Came

8-LOCATION CODE

| A-Open Country | MEDIUM CITY | LARGE CITY |
|---|---|---|
| B-Village | E-Downtown | H-Downtown |
| C-Town | F-Neighborhood | I-Neighborhood |
| D-Small City | G-Suburbs | J-Suburbs |

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12-Lost/Unchurched (Y/N)
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| 3e | 3f | 3g | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | R/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1924 | 1996 | A | 56 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1873 | | A | 87 | 0 | 0 | N | Y | Y | 1 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1885 | 1996 | A | 70 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1832 | 1980 | A | 51 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1872 | 1991 | A | 95 | 0 | 0 | N | Y | Y | 1 |
| 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1917 | 1993 | C | 100 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1832 | 1989 | B | 60 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1859 | 1991 | B | 53 | 0 | 0 | N | Y | N | 1 |
| 5 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 1914 | 1997 | A | 145 | 1 | 1 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| 0 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 6 | 1885 | 1992 | A | 97 | 0 | 1 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| 24 | 18 | 1 | 108 | 46 | | | | 2800 | 1 | 3 | | | | |

BIBLE STUDY/SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

ASSOCIATION
BLADEN BAPT ASSN

15-TOTAL SS ENROLLMENT
a-Preschool Birth-5
b-Children 6-11
c-Youth 12-17
d-Adults 18-24
e-Adults 25-34
f-Adults 35-54

| Congregation | 15 | 15a | 15b | 15c | 15d | 15e | 15f |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG BAPT CH | 73 | 4 | 17 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 10 |
| BEARDS CHAPEL, GARLA | 73 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 14 | 12 |
| Bethel Baptist Churc | 144 | 13 | 22 | 22 | 14 | 36 | 13 |
| BLADENBORO FIRST BAP | 233 | 15 | 13 | 15 | 28 | 15 | 70 |
| BRIAR BRANCH, ELIZAB | 66 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 4 | 7 | 15 |
| BUTTERS | 136 | 12 | 13 | 25 | 6 | 26 | 24 |
| CENTER ROAD, BLADENB | 161 | 24 | 22 | 15 | 9 | 17 | 42 |
| CLARKTON | 165 | 22 | 15 | 27 | 0 | 17 | 27 |
| COUNCIL | 42 | 3 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| Cypress Creek Missio | 48 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 12 |
| DUBLIN | 190 | 5 | 29 | 38 | 12 | 23 | 25 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | 266 | 35 | 32 | 33 | 4 | 28 | 27 |
| FAITH, WHITE OAK | 27 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Friendship Missionar | 85 | 11 | 6 | 19 | 9 | 3 | 16 |
| GALEED BAPT CH, BLAD | 412 | 42 | 51 | 54 | 33 | 92 | 76 |
| GRACE, BLADENBORO | 98 | 8 | 16 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 21 |
| HICKORY GROVE, BLADE | 153 | 12 | 25 | 20 | 23 | 32 | 15 |
| LISBON, CLARKTON | 59 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 17 |
| LOVE GROVE, TAR HEEL | 63 | 8 | 11 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 18 |
| NATMOORE, KELLY | 65 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 7 |
| NEW CENTER, BLADENBO | 61 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 3 | 11 | 11 |
| NORTHSIDE, BLADENBOR | 183 | 36 | 16 | 16 | 11 | 27 | 46 |
| PEACE BAPT, BLADENBO | 34 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| RICHARDSON, BLADENBO | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| RIVERSIDE, HARRELLS | 56 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 14 | 7 | 2 |
| SANDY GROVE BAPT CH | 167 | 11 | 17 | 16 | 10 | 13 | 12 |
| SHADY GROVE, BLADENB | 119 | 9 | 15 | 16 | 14 | 7 | 14 |
| SUGGS GROVE BAPT CH | 95 | 16 | 16 | 12 | 9 | 6 | 20 |
| TAR HEEL BAPT CH | 154 | 21 | 18 | 13 | 0 | 47 | 36 |

For 1996-97 Associational Year

g-Adults 55 & Up
h-General Officers
i-Other Bible Study
16-SS Average Weekly Attendance
17-SS Member Not Member of Congregation
18-Vacation Bible School

| 15g | 15h | 15i | 16 | 17 | 18 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | 4 | 0 | 50 | 4 | 53 |
| 18 | 2 | 0 | 44 | 0 | 22 |
| 21 | 3 | 0 | 85 | 10 | 90 |
| 43 | 6 | 28 | 170 | 36 | 75 |
| 13 | 4 | 0 | 33 | 0 | 64 |
| 30 | 0 | 0 | 87 | 10 | 106 |
| 26 | 6 | 0 | 110 | 0 | 116 |
| 55 | 2 | 0 | 88 | 8 | 166 |
| 15 | 1 | 0 | 26 | 0 | 29 |
| 13 | 2 | 0 | 34 | 0 | 39 |
| 53 | 5 | 0 | 109 | 0 | 64 |
| 98 | 9 | 0 | 151 | 0 | 165 |
| 7 | 3 | 0 | 18 | 1 | 17 |
| 17 | 4 | 0 | 48 | 0 | 52 |
| 61 | 3 | 0 | 218 | 3 | 277 |
| 21 | 4 | 0 | 65 | 2 | 45 |
| 24 | 2 | 0 | 112 | 15 | 72 |
| 17 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 4 | 56 |
| 0 | 2 | 0 | 42 | 0 | 75 |
| 14 | 5 | 16 | 24 | 4 | 14 |
| 11 | 2 | 0 | 50 | 9 | 75 |
| 28 | 3 | 0 | 128 | 0 | 113 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| 12 | 2 | 0 | 49 | 0 | 35 |
| 56 | 32 | 0 | 100 | 13 | 44 |
| 29 | 3 | 12 | 55 | 0 | 85 |
| 12 | 4 | 0 | 51 | 2 | 73 |
| 17 | 2 | 0 | 99 | 9 | 93 |

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ASSOCIATION
BLADEN BAPT ASSN

15-TOTAL SS ENROLLMENT
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b-Children 6-11
c-Youth 12-17
d-Adults 18-24
e-Adults 25-34
f-Adults 35-54

| Congregation | 15 | 15a | 15b | 15c | 15d | 15e | 15f |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WEST, BLADENBORO | 151 | 16 | 12 | 12 | 17 | 18 | 48 |
| WHITE LAKE, ELIZABET | 67 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 10 |
| WHITE OAK | 78 | 2 | 9 | 13 | 0 | 16 | 15 |
| White's Creek Baptis | 145 | 18 | 25 | 17 | 3 | 13 | 40 |
| ZION HILL, BLADENBOR | 113 | 17 | 14 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 25 |
| TOTALS | 3997 | 397 | 470 | 491 | 276 | 528 | 770 |

For 1996-97 Associational Year

g-Adults 55 & Up
h-General Officers
i-Other Bible Study
16-SS Average Weekly Attendance
17-SS Member Not Member of Congregation
18-Vacation Bible School

| 15g | 15h | 15i | 16 | 17 | 18 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | 3 | 10 | 80 | 8 | 181 |
| 31 | 6 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 55 |
| 21 | 2 | 0 | 44 | 0 | 77 |
| 24 | 3 | 2 | 91 | 0 | 110 |
| 30 | 4 | 0 | 73 | 0 | 87 |
| 864 | 133 | 68 | 2458 | 138 | 2625 |

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION

ASSOCIATION
BLADEN BAPT ASSN

19-TOTAL ONGOING DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING
a-Ongoing Preschool B-5
b-Ongoing Children 6-11
c-Ongoing Youth 12-17
d-Ongoing Adult 18 & Up
e-DT General Officers

| Congregation | 19 | 19a | 19b | 19c | 19d | 19e |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG BAPT CH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BEARDS CHAPEL, GARLA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bethel Baptist Churc | 95 | 6 | 28 | 15 | 43 | 3 |
| BLADENBORO FIRST BAP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BRIAR BRANCH, ELIZAB | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BUTTERS | 42 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 26 | 1 |
| CENTER ROAD, BLADENB | 79 | 11 | 10 | 6 | 48 | 4 |
| CLARKTON | 59 | 0 | 10 | 28 | 20 | 1 |
| COUNCIL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cypress Creek Missio | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DUBLIN | 71 | 0 | 10 | 23 | 31 | 7 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | 92 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 75 | 0 |
| FAITH, WHITE OAK | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Friendship Missionar | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GALEED BAPT CH, BLAD | 195 | 37 | 33 | 35 | 86 | 4 |
| GRACE, BLADENBORO | 40 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 26 | 3 |
| HICKORY GROVE, BLADE | 86 | 7 | 15 | 15 | 46 | 3 |
| LISBON, CLARKTON | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LOVE GROVE, TAR HEEL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NATMOORE, KELLY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NEW CENTER, BLADENBO | 35 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 13 | 1 |
| NORTHSIDE, BLADENBOR | 73 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 38 | 3 |
| PEACE BAPT, BLADENBO | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RICHARDSON, BLADENBO | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RIVERSIDE, HARRELLS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SANDY GROVE BAPT CH | 74 | 0 | 7 | 15 | 44 | 8 |
| SHADY GROVE, BLADENB | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUGGS GROVE BAPT CH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TAR HEEL BAPT CH | 40 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 23 | 3 |
| WEST, BLADENBORO | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

For 1996-97 Associational Year

20-TOTAL SHORT-TERM DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING
a-Short-Term Preschool
b-Short-Term Children
c-Short-Term Youth
d-Short-Term Adults
19+20-Total DT Enrollment/Participation

| 20 | 20a | 20b | 20c | 20d | 19+20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 95 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 79 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 61 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 71 |
| 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 125 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 107 | 0 | 25 | 25 | 57 | 302 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 86 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 73 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 74 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION

ASSOCIATION
BLADEN BAPT ASSN

19-TOTAL ONGOING DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING
a-Ongoing Preschool B-5
b-Ongoing Children 6-11
c-Ongoing Youth 12-17
d-Ongoing Adult 18 & Up
e-DT General Officers

| Congregation | 19 | 19a | 19b | 19c | 19d | 19e |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WHITE LAKE, ELIZABET | 27 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 1 |
| WHITE OAK | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| White's Creek Baptis | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ZION HILL, BLADENBOR | 54 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 26 | 3 |
| TOTALS | 1062 | 102 | 162 | 198 | 555 | 45 |

For 1996-97 Associational Year

20-TOTAL SHORT-TERM DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING
a-Short-Term Preschool
b-Short-Term Children
c-Short-Term Youth
d-Short-Term Adults
19+20-Total DT Enrollment/Participation

| 20 | 20a | 20b | 20c | 20d | 19+20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 32 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 54 |
| 157 | 0 | 30 | 27 | 100 | 1219 |

MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION For 1996-97 Associational Year

ASSOCIATION
BLADEN BAPT ASSN

21-TOTAL MUSIC MINISTRY ENROLLMENT
a-Preschool 3-5 Years
b-Children 6-11 Years
c-Youth 12-17 Years
d-Adult Choirs 18 & Up
e-Other Music Groups

| Congregation | 21 | 21a | 21b | 21c | 21d | 21e |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG BAPT CH | 23 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 18 | 0 |
| BEARDS CHAPEL, GARLA | 10 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bethel Baptist Churc | 64 | 6 | 12 | 8 | 32 | 6 |
| BLADENBORO FIRST BAP | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 0 |
| BRIAR BRANCH, ELIZAB | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 0 |
| BUTTERS | 41 | 1 | 8 | 11 | 21 | 0 |
| CENTER ROAD, BLADENB | 92 | 3 | 8 | 14 | 59 | 8 |
| CLARKTON | 53 | 0 | 8 | 20 | 15 | 10 |
| COUNCIL | 14 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| Cypress Creek Missio | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| DUBLIN | 41 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 17 | 18 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | 139 | 16 | 22 | 7 | 58 | 36 |
| FAITH, WHITE OAK | 24 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 6 |
| Friendship Missionar | 46 | 5 | 5 | 14 | 22 | 0 |
| GALEED BAPT CH, BLAD | 138 | 20 | 35 | 30 | 35 | 18 |
| GRACE, BLADENBORO | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| HICKORY GROVE, BLADE | 60 | 10 | 0 | 12 | 30 | 8 |
| LISBON, CLARKTON | 20 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 0 |
| LOVE GROVE, TAR HEEL | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| NATMOORE, KELLY | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| NEW CENTER, BLADENBO | 25 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 11 | 0 |
| NORTHSIDE, BLADENBOR | 60 | 6 | 6 | 15 | 25 | 8 |
| PEACE BAPT, BLADENBO | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| RICHARDSON, BLADENBO | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| RIVERSIDE, HARRELLS | 24 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| SANDY GROVE BAPT CH | 50 | 2 | 14 | 9 | 25 | 0 |
| SHADY GROVE, BLADENB | 39 | 0 | 15 | 11 | 13 | 0 |
| SUGGS GROVE BAPT CH | 44 | 2 | 10 | 8 | 24 | 0 |
| TAR HEEL BAPT CH | 45 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 27 | 0 |
| WEST, BLADENBORO | 39 | 0 | 11 | 9 | 14 | 5 |

MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION

ASSOCIATION
BLADEN BAPT ASSN

21-TOTAL MUSIC MINISTRY ENROLLMENT
a-Preschool 3-5 Years
b-Children 6-11 Years
c-Youth 12-17 Years
d-Adult Choirs 18 & Up
e-Other Music Groups

| Congregation | 21 | 21a | 21b | 21c | 21d | 21e |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WHITE LAKE, ELIZABET | 25 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| WHITE OAK | 31 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 16 | 5 |
| White's Creek Baptis | 52 | 5 | 18 | 8 | 21 | 0 |
| ZION HILL, BLADENBOR | 45 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 25 | 4 |
| TOTALS | 1352 | 100 | 229 | 208 | 683 | 132 |

MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT/EDUCATION INFORMATION

ASSOCIATION
BLADEN BAPT ASSN

22-MISSION PROJECTS PARTICIPATION
a-Local Community
b-State/National
c-International
23-TOTAL WMU ENROLLMENT
a-Mission Friends B-5
b-Ages 6-11
c-Ages 12-17

| Congregation | 22 | 22a | 22b | 22c | 23 | 23a | 23b | 23c |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG BAPT CH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BEARDS CHAPEL, GARLA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bethel Baptist Churc | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 6 | 15 | 6 |
| BLADENBORO FIRST BAP | 74 | 74 | 0 | 0 | 64 | 3 | 6 | 3 |
| BRIAR BRANCH, ELIZAB | 18 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BUTTERS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| CENTER ROAD, BLADENB | 55 | 25 | 30 | 0 | 65 | 11 | 21 | 8 |
| CLARKTON | 20 | 10 | 2 | 8 | 70 | 5 | 13 | 32 |
| COUNCIL | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cypress Creek Missio | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DUBLIN | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | 11 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 56 | 0 | 1 | 9 |
| FAITH, WHITE OAK | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Friendship Missionar | 33 | 23 | 10 | 0 | 38 | 5 | 7 | 6 |
| GALEED BAPT CH, BLAD | 120 | 24 | 95 | 1 | 109 | 40 | 19 | 17 |
| GRACE, BLADENBORO | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| HICKORY GROVE, BLADE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 7 | 8 | 7 |
| LISBON, CLARKTON | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| LOVE GROVE, TAR HEEL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NATMOORE, KELLY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NEW CENTER, BLADENBO | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NORTHSIDE, BLADENBOR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PEACE BAPT, BLADENBO | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RICHARDSON, BLADENBO | 14 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RIVERSIDE, HARRELLS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SANDY GROVE BAPT CH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| SHADY GROVE, BLADENB | 18 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 46 | 5 | 15 | 5 |
| SUGGS GROVE BAPT CH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 10 | 17 | 17 |
| TAR HEEL BAPT CH | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 9 | 11 | 3 |

For 1996-97 Associational Year

d-Ages 18 & Up
e-WMU Leadership Team
24-TOTAL BROTHERHOOD ENROLLMENT
a-Ages 6-11
b-Ages 12-17
c-Ages 18 & Up
d-Mission Action Groups
25-Other Missions Education

| 23d | 23e | 24 | 24a | 24b | 24c | 24d | 25 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | 6 | 16 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 42 | 10 | 36 | 12 | 9 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 4 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 | 5 | 20 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 12 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| 17 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 6 | 20 | 10 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| 40 | 6 | 158 | 14 | 4 | 140 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 13 | 7 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| 27 | 6 | 78 | 17 | 12 | 41 | 8 | 0 |
| 1 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 18 | 1 | 26 | 0 | 13 | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| 15 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| 14 | 2 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 32 | 0 | 70 | 14 | 10 | 46 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| 12 | 8 | 18 | 0 | 6 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| 14 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| 12 | 4 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| 14 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT/EDUCATION INFORMATION

ASSOCIATION
BLADEN BAPT ASSN

22-MISSION PROJECTS PARTICIPATION
a-Local Community
b-State/National
c-International
23-TOTAL WMU ENROLLMENT
a-Mission Friends B-5
b-Ages 6-11
c-Ages 12-17

| Congregation | 22 | 22a | 22b | 22c | 23 | 23a | 23b | 23c |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WEST, BLADENBORO | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 68 | 8 | 10 | 5 |
| WHITE LAKE, ELIZABET | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| WHITE OAK | 41 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| White's Creek Baptis | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 5 | 10 | 15 |
| ZION HILL, BLADENBOR | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 77 | 19 | 12 | 10 |
| TOTALS | 445 | 251 | 156 | 10 | 1088 | 147 | 198 | 163 |

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d-Ages 18 & Up
e-WMU Leadership Team
24-TOTAL BROTHERHOOD ENROLLMENT
a-Ages 6-11
b-Ages 12-17
c-Ages 18 & Up
d-Mission Action Groups
25-Other Missions Education

| 23d | 23e | 24 | 24a | 24b | 24c | 24d | 25 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 35 | 10 | 38 | 3 | 5 | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 13 | 4 | 20 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 0 | 0 |
| 15 | 7 | 17 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 28 | 8 | 19 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 439 | 141 | 632 | 100 | 90 | 419 | 8 | 8 |

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ASSOCIATION
BLADEN BAPT ASSN

26-Undesignated Gifts
27-Designated Gifts
28-Other Receipts
29-Cooperative Program
30-Associational Missions

| Congregation | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG BAPT CH | 59503 | 6212 | 0 | 5950 | 2975 |
| BEARDS CHAPEL, GARLA | 28936 | 2843 | 0 | 600 | 600 |
| Bethel Baptist Churc | 88579 | 13779 | 0 | 1000 | 2000 |
| BLADENBORO FIRST BAP | 182655 | 28129 | 0 | 22200 | 6510 |
| BRIAR BRANCH, ELIZAB | 39852 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 600 |
| BUTTERS | 81133 | 2460 | 0 | 1562 | 1400 |
| CENTER ROAD, BLADENB | 169021 | 24033 | 949 | 30421 | 2957 |
| CLARKTON | 111902 | 11101 | 0 | 10775 | 4253 |
| COUNCIL | 20344 | 2237 | 24000 | 359 | 1200 |
| Cypress Creek Missio | 45606 | 2669 | 0 | 0 | 1676 |
| DUBLIN | 137838 | 7422 | 0 | 7815 | 4481 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | 237235 | 103757 | 300 | 22000 | 8000 |
| FAITH, WHITE OAK | 30472 | 925 | 374 | 200 | 942 |
| Friendship Missionar | 62740 | 5619 | 0 | 976 | 1953 |
| GALEED BAPT CH, BLAD | 234553 | 100741 | 0 | 18192 | 6500 |
| GRACE, BLADENBORO | 41112 | 3314 | 0 | 731 | 443 |
| HICKORY GROVE, BLADE | 96876 | 7722 | 737 | 7500 | 1300 |
| LISBON, CLARKTON | 62675 | 2328 | 0 | 1834 | 1834 |
| LOVE GROVE, TAR HEEL | 37280 | 36525 | 372 | 792 | 1300 |
| NATMOORE, KELLY | 14794 | 843 | 0 | 50 | 100 |
| NEW CENTER, BLADENBO | 29466 | 11636 | 0 | 108 | 200 |
| NORTHSIDE, BLADENBOR | 178965 | 4607 | 0 | 8752 | 2188 |
| PEACE BAPT, BLADENBO | 19767 | 1500 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RICHARDSON, BLADENBO | 13997 | 688 | 0 | 675 | 700 |
| RIVERSIDE, HARRELLS | 97235 | 5000 | 67 | 1544 | 3692 |
| SANDY GROVE BAPT CH | 100582 | 13270 | 2320 | 4320 | 2880 |
| SHADY GROVE, BLADENB | 88330 | 12936 | 0 | 5500 | 2400 |
| SUGGS GROVE BAPT CH | 56837 | 3459 | 11358 | 1155 | 1500 |
| TAR HEEL BAPT CH | 94141 | 24418 | 1117 | 2789 | 2771 |

For 1996-97 Associational Year

31-State Missions
32-Annie Armstrong
33-Lottie Moon
34-Other SBC Mission Expenditures
35-Non-SBC Mission Expenditures
36-Value of Congregational Property
37-Congregational Debt

| 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 125 | 125 | 400 | 92 | 0 | 380000 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150000 | 0 |
| 500 | 1000 | 1000 | 0 | 0 | 1000000 | 0 |
| 1356 | 2019 | 8531 | 0 | 29071 | 1500000 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 5900 | 0 | 200000 | 0 |
| 242 | 500 | 301 | 148 | 3266 | 250000 | 0 |
| 0 | 3308 | 5396 | 6007 | 157798 | 600000 | 0 |
| 475 | 1373 | 2472 | 0 | 0 | 600000 | 0 |
| 0 | 140 | 460 | 135 | 0 | 69000 | 0 |
| 0 | 890 | 1425 | 355 | 225 | 18000 | 0 |
| 0 | 1217 | 1531 | 11160 | 0 | 900000 | 0 |
| 100 | 963 | 1440 | 0 | 0 | 1125000 | 0 |
| 200 | 500 | 250 | 75 | 871 | 100000 | 0 |
| 651 | 45 | 190 | 3580 | 2560 | 490000 | 8279 |
| 2671 | 3049 | 4189 | 3517 | 0 | 1670000 | 308195 |
| 0 | 54 | 58 | 0 | 0 | 125000 | 0 |
| 895 | 1055 | 1390 | 156 | 1185 | 584000 | 0 |
| 422 | 270 | 536 | 820 | 1100 | 175000 | 10000 |
| 586 | 773 | 669 | 0 | 683 | 150000 | 0 |
| 60 | 0 | 40 | 12410 | 1455 | 150000 | 0 |
| 113 | 210 | 346 | 960 | 200 | 117000 | 0 |
| 1116 | 1446 | 2045 | 0 | 0 | 879888 | 20704 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 327 | 361 | 0 | 0 | 128000 | 0 |
| 0 | 938 | 800 | 2500 | 7591 | 341000 | 0 |
| 0 | 574 | 536 | 0 | 0 | 550000 | 0 |
| 1070 | 1015 | 1032 | 0 | 1365 | 437500 | 0 |
| 0 | 500 | 705 | 0 | 0 | 700000 | 0 |
| 624 | 820 | 2245 | 0 | 188 | 695000 | 0 |

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ASSOCIATION
BLADEN BAPT ASSN

26-Undesignated Gifts
27-Designated Gifts
28-Other Receipts
29-Cooperative Program
30-Associational Missions

| Congregation | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WEST, BLADENBORO | 56440 | 7253 | 0 | 1500 | 1750 |
| WHITE LAKE, ELIZABET | 65175 | 21736 | 2225 | 3622 | 4062 |
| WHITE OAK | 73801 | 190360 | 4033 | 52800 | 1500 |
| White's Creek Baptis | 73316 | 20817 | 2160 | 1466 | 2244 |
| ZION HILL, BLADENBOR | 78365 | 15653 | 1162 | 4800 | 2600 |
| TOTALS | 2809523 | 695992 | 51174 | 221988 | 79511 |

For 1996-97 Associational Year

31-State Missions
32-Annie Armstrong
33-Lottie Moon
34-Other SBC Mission Expenditures
35-Non-SBC Mission Expenditures
36-Value of Congregational Property
37-Congregational Debt

| 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 500 | 225 | 458 | 1500 | 0 | 460000 | 0 |
| 200 | 200 | 1653 | 0 | 0 | 300000 | 0 |
| 51 | 1154 | 52502 | 61690 | 2620 | 736000 | 0 |
| 0 | 482 | 709 | 0 | 1240 | 452150 | 1500 |
| 1800 | 1023 | 1119 | 526 | 1200 | 520000 | 0 |
| 13757 | 26195 | 94789 | 111531 | 212618 | 16552538 | 348678 |

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**and**

**White Lake Baptist Church**
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# PROCEEDINGS

## One-Hundred-Seventh Annual Session of the BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION October 26, 1998 - October 27, 1998

*Theme: "Live The Faith - Share His Love" (Matthew 25:40)*

## MONDAY EVENING - OCTOBER 26, 1998 GALEED BAPTIST CHURCH

The One-Hundred-Seventh Annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association met at the Galeed Baptist Church for the evening session on October 26, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. with Moderator Michael Thompson presiding. The session was opened with a video presentation, *"The Harvest"*, followed by the parade of church flags. Each church had a representative carrying their flag. The flags were displayed in the church where they remained throughout the evening session.

The Associational Choir, led by Music Director, Aaron Brooks, rendered special music.

Moderator Thompson introduced Dr. David Crocker, Pastor of Synder Memorial Baptist Church, Fayetteville and Second Vice-President of the State Baptist Convention. Dr. Crocker shared the project, *"Operation In As Much"*. He emphasized how, why, and what the project was all about. The project is done in March and October for one day during the year. The church members perform a *"hands on"* mission throughout the community. He gave several illustrations of the mission projects.

Music Director Brooks led the congregation in singing the hymn, *"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations."* The pastor of Galeed Baptist church, Bruce Cannon, welcomed the congregation to the evening session. He read Scripture taken from Isaiah 6:1 and led in prayer.

Moderator Thompson called for the enrollment of messengers report. The clerk, Virginia W. Gause, reported there were registered as of 6:30 p.m. ninety-four elected messengers and one-hundred-eight visitors, making a total of two-hundred-two in attendance. The clerk made the motion that these messengers and others who might register later constitute the one-hundred-seventh annual session of the Bladen Baptist Association. The motion carried.

Moderator Thompson recognized Rev. Bob Boone, who made a motion that the program be adopted as printed with one exception and that was that the miscellaneous business scheduled for later this evening be postponed until tomorrow's session. This would enable the evening to be devoted to spiritual worship. The motion was seconded and carried.

DOM Roberts introduced and welcomed Rev. Leroy Smith, Pastor of Council Baptist Church to the association. He also recognized Rev. Warren Hill, who is now serving as pastor of Dublin First Baptist Church. He previously served as pastor of Whites Creek Baptist Church.

The evening worship hour began with the congregation singing the hymn, *"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*, led by Music Director Brooks.

Moderator Thompson recognized Rev. Steve Butler who introduced Rev. Lorenzo Torres, Pastor of the Good Shepherd Baptist Mission. Rev. Torres gave a few remarks concerning the Lord's work at the Hispanic Mission. Rev. Torres introduced his group, who later rendered several selections in song. Later the Galeed Sanctuary Choir rendered special music.

DOM Roberts introduced Rev. Oren Honeycutt, speaker of the evening. Rev. Honeycutt rendered a dynamic sermon, scripture taken from II Samuel 21. He closed the sermon with the twenty-third Psalm.

The evening session recessed at 9:15 p.m. to reconvene on Tuesday afternoon, October 27, 1998 at Clarkton First Baptist Church.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON - OCTOBER 27, 1998
## CLARKTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The second session of the one-hundred-seventh Annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association convened at 3:00 p.m. at the Clarkton First Baptist Church with Moderator Michael Thompson presiding. The video, *"The Harvest"* was again presented in the beginning of the session.

Rev. Warren Hill shared ways people can be reached for Christ. He talked about the Youth Fest and the contemporary services. He introduced a group of youth from Whites Creek Baptist Church, who presented a skit portraying two teenagers who were killed in an accident and illustrated what happened to them after death.

DOM Roberts gave the DOM report. See page 29 of the Book of Reports. He also recognized Mrs. Ruth Prince, former DOM.

The Chorus, *"People Need the Lord"* was sung by the congregation, led by Music Director Aaron Brooks.

Moderator Thompson recognized Mr. Charles Little, who welcomed the congregation to the Clarkton First Baptist Church for the afternoon and evening session. He read scripture from Matthew 9:35-38 and he led in prayer.

The congregation sang the hymn, *"Share His Love"* led by Music Director Aaron Brooks.

The mission reports were made as follows:

**WMU:** See page 32 of the Book of Reports.

**Brotherhood:** Mr. Ewin Davis presented report as recorded on page 33 of the Book of Reports.

**Mission Development:** See page 33 of the Book of Reports.

**Discipleship Training:** Mrs. Etta Smith gave report. See page 31 of the Book of Reports.

**Sunday School:** Rev. Vernon Britt gave the report. See page 31 of the Book of Reports.

**Music:** Rev. Aaron Brooks presented the report. See page 33, Book of Reports.

**Hispanic Mission Report:** Rev. Steve Butler presented the report. See page 34, Book of Reports. Rev. Bob Boone presented 50 Bibles in Spanish to Rev. Butler for the Hispanic Mission Congregation. The Bibles were from the Zion Baptist Church Mission groups.

The congregation sang the hymn, *"Victory in Jesus"*.

DOM Roberts introduced Rev. Cleve Wilkie, who represented the Baptist Children's Homes. He referred to the report on page 40 of the Book of Reports.

**Miscellaneous Business:** Moderator Thompson recognized Rev. Robert Carter, who read the following letter of petition from Oasis Bible Fellowship:

Brother Moderator/Messengers to the One-Hundred-Seventh annual meeting of the Bladen Baptist Association.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On April 14th of this year a letter of intent was given to the executive committee of the Bladen Baptist Association. I quote three paragraphs from that letter of which a copy is attached.

On February 12, 1998 in keeping with a motion made in October of 1997 to form a Constitution and By-Laws for the church, Oasis Bible Fellowship agreed on the proposed and presented Constitution and By-Laws.

This Constitution and By-Laws states that OBF is autonomous and maintains the right to govern its own affair, independent of any denominational control. Recognizing, however, the benefits of cooperation with other churches in world missions, this Church voluntarily affiliates with the Southern Baptist Convention in its national, state and local expressions. And insofar as is practical will cooperate with and support its work and mission.

We understand that any church seeking affiliation with this association must do so at the annual associational meeting in October. And if approved, remains in a *"watch care"* status for one (1) year. It is the intent of OBF to make a formal request to Bladen Baptist Association for membership at its annual meeting in October.

We are currently a member and cooperating Church with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention and this letter constitutes the request to become a cooperating member of this association.

To His Glory,

Oasis Bible Fellowship, Bob Carter, Senior Pastor

A Motion was made by Rev. Bob Boone that the Oasis Bible Fellowship be allowed to come under the watchcare of the association. The motion was seconded and carried. Moderator Thompson appointed the following to serve on the Membership Committee: Rev. Jerry Beck, Chairman, Rev. James Brooks, Rev. Michael Thompson, Mr. Charles Little, Mrs. Etta Smith and Mrs. Virginia W. Gause.

The evening worship services began with the singing of the hymn, *"Set My Soul Afire"*, led by Music Director Brooks. Special music was also rendered by Ms. Ginger Batton.

Moderator Thompson delivered the Moderator's message entitled, *"Cost That is Tied to Change"*.

The afternoon session recessed at 6:00 p.m. with Rev. David Rutland giving the benediction. Dinner was served by the ladies of Clarkton Baptist Church.

## TUESDAY EVENING - OCTOBER 27, 1998
## CLARKTON BAPTIST CHURCH

The annual session reassembled at 7:00 p.m. DOM Roberts led in the Theme Emphasis, *"Live the Faith, Share His Love"*. He read from Matthew 25 and challenged the churches to find ways to share God's love.

**Memorial:** Mrs. Thelma Barnes presented the list of memorials, and a candle was lit in their memory.

The session continued with Rev. Ralph Gore reading scripture and leading in prayer.

Director of Music Aaron Brooks rendered a solo, *"O Lord How Excellent is Thy Name"*.

Committee reports were given as follows:

**Evangelism:** Rev. Bob Boone presented report as recorded on page 35, Book of Reports. He also presented the *"Candle of Love Ministry"*, challenging everyone to place a candle in their window, signifying the light of Jesus. He also told about Zion Hill's program called *"Operation Canned Hunger"*.

**Nominating:** Rev. Darryll Hester made a motion for the adoption of report as recorded on pages 3-6 of the Book of Reports with one addition as follows. He recommends the addition of Mr. Dale Taylor's name be added to Evangelism Committee.

**Finance:** Mr. David Clark presented the report as recorded on Pages 53-54 of Book of Reports.

**Historian:** Mrs. Ethelene Barnes presented report - See page 39, Book of Reports.

**Preached & Place:** Rev. David Elks gave the report for the One-Hundred-Eight Annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association be held at Zion Hill Baptist Church on Monday, October 25, 1999 and at White Lake Baptist Church on Tuesday, October 26, 1999. Preacher: Rev. Steve Butler. Alternate: Rev. Richard Smith, The motion was made and carried.

**Resolutions:** Rev. Darryll presented the following resolution: Whereas the One-Hundred-Seventh Annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association met on October 26-27, 1998 and

Whereas the Galeed Baptist Church and Clarkton First Baptist Church so graciously opened their doors to host these meetings, and

Whereas the program committee put a lot of long hours in preparing a wonderful program. Be it resolved that the messengers and visitors that constitute the one-hundred-seventh annual session wish to extend their heartfelt appreciation and a resounding Amen to the pastors and congregation of Galeed Baptist and Clarkton First Baptist Church as well as the program committee.

**Miscellaneous Business:** Motion was made that the Book of Reports as printed be adopted. The motion carried.

The evening worship service began with singing of the hymn, *"Let Others See Jesus in You"*. The message was brought by Dr. Don smith, North American Mission Board, entitled *"You Have Not Chosen Me but I have Chose You"*.

Rev. Carroll Fonville, our representative on the N. C. Baptist General Board gave a report. He indicated he had enjoyed serving on the board and would rotate off this year.

The session adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with Rev. Darryll Hester leading in prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Michael Thompson, Moderator
Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

## MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATION 1998

**ABBOTTSBURG**--Rev. Dewey Jackson, Mrs. Letha Bullard, Mr. Purdie Bullard, Mrs. Gladys Stephens.

**BEARDS CHAPEL**--Rev. Ralph Gore, Mrs. Thelma Barnes, Mr. Otis Barnes, Mr. Tommie Johnson, Mrs. Lois Smith.

**BETHEL**--Rev. Jerry Beck, Mrs. Cecila Bryan, Mrs. Eunice Carroll, Ms. Lannie McKee, Mrs. Dianna Roberts, Ms. Lorena Cormier.

**BLADENBORO, FIRST**--Mr. C.O. Bridger, Mrs. Martilla Freeman, Mrs. Nettie V. Fussell, Mrs. Amanda Lewis, Mrs. Myrtle Lockamy.

**BRIAR BRANCH**--Rev. Steve Butler, Ms. Ann Cashwell, Mrs. Katie Smith, Mr. Benny Suggs, Mrs. Ida Suggs, Mrs. Betty Tatum.

**BUTTERS**--Mrs. Mary Spence, Mrs. Billie Faye White.

**CENTER ROAD**--Rev. Vernon Britt, Mr. Warren Dowless, Mrs. Winford Evers, Mr. Winford Evers, Mr. Jack Franklin, Mrs. Jack Franklin, Mrs. Margaret Singletary.

**CLARKTON, FIRST**--Dr. Michael Thompson, Mrs. Greta Jackson, Mr. Charles Little, Mrs. Mamie Little, Mrs. Myrtle Page, Mrs. Becky Thompson.

**COUNCIL**--Rev. LeeRoy Smith, Mr. Hobson McCulloch, Mrs. Eunice Smith, Mrs. Linda Williford.

**DUBLIN**--Rev. Don Coley. Mrs. Lucille Andrews, Mrs. Peggy B. Hill, Mrs. Judy Jones.

**ELIZABETHTOWN**--Rev. David Elks, Mr. Raymond Nunnery, Mr. Mike Smith, Mr. Harvey Bedsole.

**FAITH**--Rev. Oren Honeycutt, Mr. Charles Rice, Mr. Clayton Tyndall.

**FRIENDSHIP**--Rev. Mark Forrester, Mr. W.T. Davis, Mr. Fred Norris.

**GALEED**--Rev. Bruce Cannon, Mrs. Ada K. Bartley, Mr. John D. Beaver, Mrs. Nolie Lennon, Rev. Gary Shankles, Mrs. Sheryl Shankles, Mrs. Ann D. Smith.

**GRACE**--Mrs. Deborah Edwards, Mrs. Connie Wiggins, Mr. Curry Wiggins.

**HICKORY GROVE**--Rev. James Brooks, Mr. Franklin Allen, Mrs. Grace Brooks, Mrs. Eliza J. Davis, Mr. John Henry, Mrs. Mozelle Henry.

**LISBON**--Mrs. Virginia Gause, Mrs. Freda B. White.

**LOVE GROVE**--Rev. Phil Lloyd, Mrs. Judy Lloyd.

**NATMOORE**--Mrs. Carolyn Buie, Mrs. Cherry Sholar, Mrs. Frances Squires, Mrs. Patricia Squires.

**NEW CENTER**--Mr. Buddy Ransom

**NORTHSIDE**--Rev. Clifton Kinlaw, Mrs. Edith McKnight, Mr. Floyd McKnight, Mrs. Kay Meismer, Mr. Wade Williams.

**RICHARDSON**--Dr. Wayne Dewitt Kennedy, Mrs. Nan Kennedy.

**RIVERSIDE**--Rev. Currie Long, Mrs. Currie Long, Mr. Murray Bordeaux, Mrs. Murray Bordeaux, Mr. Joe Evans, Mrs. Joe Evans.

**SANDY GROVE**--Mrs. Ruth Carson, Mrs. Nellie P. Kinlaw, Mrs. Carrie M. Watson, Mr. Rufus Watson.

**SHADY GROVE**--Rev. Robert Gray, Mr. Alfred Edwards, Mrs. Janie Edwards.
**SUGGS GROVE**--Rev. David Rutland, Mrs. Margaret Edge, Mrs. Reba Edge, Mrs. Polly Kelly, Mrs. Jean Tew, Mrs. Betty Walters.
**TAR HEEL**--Rev. Darryll Hester, Mrs. Johnna Anderson, Mrs. Pansy Druzak, Mr. Lynn Singletary, Mrs. Mavis Singletary.
**WEST BLADENBORO**--Rev. Aaron Brooks, Mrs. Carol Brooks, Mr. Darius Stephens.
**WHITE LAKE**--Rev. Walter Hayes, Mrs. Peggy Hayes, Mr. Wilbur Smith.
**WHITE OAK**--Mrs. Greta Brown, Mrs. Eldra Cain, Mr. Elwood Cain, Mr. Daniel F. McLaurin, Mrs. Mary Williams.
**WHITES CREEK**--Ms. Sara Anglin, Mrs. Elese Johnson, Ms. Ruby McQueen, Mrs. Gail Norris, Mrs. Carol Pope.
**ZION HILL**--Rev. Robert Boone, Mrs. Kathleen Edwards, Mr. Terrance Edwards, Mrs. Esther Hester, Mr. Kendrick Hester, Mrs. Gladysteen Pait.

## DIRECTORY OF CHURCH ORGANISTS
### (Or Pianist if no Organist)

**ABBOTTSBURG**--Mrs. Retha Bryan, 910-648-4017
**BEARDS CHAPEL**--Mrs. Sandra Oliver, 910-529-1914
**BETHEL**--Mrs. Ruby Beck - 910-862-6137
**BLADENBORO, FIRST**--Mrs. Susan M. Kelly, 910-863-3436
**BRIAR BRANCH**--Mrs. Elaine Dickens, 910-588-4867
**BUTTERS**--Mr. Murray Bishop, 910-863-3470
**CENTER ROAD**--Mrs. Geri Anderson, 910-863-3209
**CLARKTON, FIRST5**--Dr. John Hall, 910-645-4620
**COUNCIL**--Mrs. Doris Williams, 910-669-2574
**CYPRESS CREEK**--Mrs. Jennifer Coble
**DUBLIN, FIRST**--Mrs. Estelle Summerlin, 910-862-2020
**ELIZABETHTOWN**--Mrs. Betty C. Womble, 910-862-3244
**FAITH**--Mrs. Penny Todd, 910-866-5483
**FRIENDSHIP**--Mrs. Margaret Williams, 910-588-4462
**GALEED**--Mr. Greg Lennon, 910-863-4595
**GRACE**--Mrs. Patricia McKeithan, 910-648-3692
**HICKORY GROVE**--Mrs. Deborah A. Hester, 910-648-4511
**LISBON**--Mrs. Virginia Gause, 910-645-4181
**LOVE GROVE**--Mrs. Lucy Monroe, 910-862-2350
**NATMOORE**--Miss Amanda Wilkins, 910-669-2327
**NEW CENTER**--Mrs. Phyllis McCormick, 910-648-2229
**NORTHSIDE**--Mrs. Doretta Lennon, 910-863-4432
**PEACE**--Mrs. Gladys Dowless
**RICHARDSON**--Mrs. Nan Kennedy, 910-863-4158
**RIVERSIDE**--Mr. Richard Thomas, 910-532-4708
**SANDY GROVE**--Mrs. Velma Edwards, 910-648-4491
**SHADY GROVE**--Mrs. Dawn Gray, 910-648-2120
**SUGGS GROVE**--Mrs. Connie Tew, 910-484-2023
**TAR HEEL**--Miss Vivian Wilson, 910-862-6266
**WEST BLADENBORO**--Ms. Sherry Kelly, 910-648-6809
**WHITE LAKE**--Mr. Dennis Dagenhart, 910-862-2302
**WHITE OAK**-- Mrs. Diana Sholar, 910-866-4522
**WHITES CREEK**--Mr. Ron Warren, 910-645-4264
**ZION HILL**--Mrs. Kathleen Edwards, 910-863-3571

# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
# OF
# BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**ARTICLE I - NAME:** The name of this body shall be Bladen Baptist Association.

**ARTICLE II - MISSION:** It is the Mission of this body to provide opportunity to member churches affiliated with it for cooperative efforts in carrying out the evangelistic and ministry directives of Jesus Christ; further to encourage and assist, when possible, each member church in doing the same.

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP:** The Association shall consist of messengers and executive committee members who are members of the affiliated churches as follows:

1. Each church of fifty (50) members or less shall be entitled to three messengers, and for each additional fifty (50) members an additional messenger, provided that no church shall have more than five (5) lay messengers active and voting at one time. Each church shall be entitled to an equal number of alternate messengers who shall serve in the absence of the messengers. The messengers who compose the Association must come from churches that believe in practicing New Testament doctrine as set forth in *The Baptist Faith and Message.*

1 A . Each church shall be entitled to one executive member and senior pastor to serve as set forth in article IV.

2. The Pastors
3. The elected officers of the Association.

**ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE BOARD:** The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the Association, together with a pastor and a layman from each affiliated church. The Executive Board is charged with the duty of executing the plans and decisions of the Association and the employment and direction of the Associational Director of Missions. A full report of its work shall be presented at each Fall Session, together with plans and recommendations for the promotion and extension of the work of the Association. The Executive Board shall act for the Association between sessions in conformity with the expressed decisions of the body. A vacancy occurrring between sessions may be filled for the remainder of the year as set forth in Article VI (1) (c) of this constitution.

**ARTICLE V - AFFILIATED CHURCHES:** A Missionary Baptist Church desiring fellowship in the Association may submit a written request for membership at a Fall session, and may be received under the watchcare of the Association for a period of time to the next ensuing Fall Session, and then upon recommendation of the Committee on Membership, such church may be received as a member by two-thirds favorable vote of the duly qualified messengers in attendance at such session.

Any member church in good standing shall be entitled to a letter of dismissal and recommendation to another similar body. Such letter may be from the Association in session or by the Executive Board between sessions.

**ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS:**

(1) The Executive Officers of the Bladen Baptist Association shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. Other Officers shall be stewardship director and historian.

(a) Officers shall be approved at the April Executive Committee meeting and duly elected at the annual meeting. Nominees will be presented by the nominating committee or from the floor. All nominations must be with the prior consent of the nominee. They shall serve for one year beginning at the close of the annual meeting and ending at the close of the next.

(b) A qualified parliamentarian, well versed in Robert's Rules of Order, shall be appointed by the moderator during his term of office.

(c) If the office of Moderator becomes vacant, the vice-moderator shall become moderator for the rest of that term. Other vacancies in associational offices shall be filled by the Executive Committee on recommendation of the Nominating Committee or from the floor, with prior consent of the nominee(s).

(d) A Moderator shall not serve more than two years in succession.

**ARTICLE VII - DIVISION DIRECTORS**

(1) A Division Director shall be approved by the Executive Committee during its April Meeting and duly elected at the annual meeting, for Sunday School, Discipleship Training, WMU, Brotherhood, Evangelism, Music, Seminary Extension, Church Media, Missions Development, Leisure Ministry, youth, and other organizations which may be added by the Association. Nominations may be presented by the Nominating Committee or from the floor with the prior consent of the nominee(s).

(a) The Division Director will begin serving in October following election but will be responsible for planning the program and budget for year under his/her direction.

(b) Each Director will select workers for that area and present them to the Nominating Committee for approval prior to the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee will then present the workers to the Association for approval at the Annual Meeting.

**ARTICLE VIII - ASSOCIATIONAL COUNCIL:** The Associational Council shall consist of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Directors of each division. The staff members of the Associations shall serve in an ex-officio capacity.
The Associational Council shall serve in an advisory capacity to assist in planning, promoting, guiding, and calendar planning for the total Associational Program.
It will meet regularly prior to each Executive Board Meeting and Annual Session. It will consider, review, and/or prepare recommendations concerning the Associational Program for action by the Executive Board and/or Association.

**ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES:**

(1) Standing Committees shall be as follows and others may be added as deemed necessary by the Executive Board or Association. They are to be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected at the Annual Meeting:

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| Nominations | Constitution | Ordination |
| Membership | The Office Building and Grounds | Finance |
| | DOM Relations | |

(2) Associational Committees: The Moderator shall appoint the following committees at the July Executive Board Meeting: (a) Committee on Place and Preacher for the following year, (b) Committee on Resolutions, (c) Committee on Enrollment, (d) Membership Committee, if needed, and (e) any other committees which may be authorized by the Association. These committees shall report during the annual session

**ARTICLE X - PROCEDURE:** The business of the Association shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, unless otherwise provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws.

**ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT:** This Constitution may be amended at any session of the Association by a two-thirds vote, provided: the amendment has been presented in writing at an Executive Board meeting prior to Annual Session, and read to the Association the first day of Annual Session, to be voted on second day.

**ARTICLE XII - ADOPTION:** Upon adoption, this Constitution shall become effective at the close of this session of the Bladen Baptist Association.

# BY-LAWS
# OF
# BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## I. NAME

The name of this body shall be Bladen Baptist Association as set forth in Article I of the attached constitution. The location shall be Elizabethtown, Bladen County, North Carolina.

## II. FAITH

This Baptist association accepts the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as our rule of faith and practice. It affirms the doctrinal positions set forth in *The Baptist Faith and Message*, and hereby incorporates that statement into these bylaws.

## III. PURPOSE

As set forth in Article II of the attached constitution.

## IV. POLITY AND RELATIONSHIPS

The government of this association is vested in the members who compose it. It is subject to the control of no other ecclesiatical or political body or bodies.

We realize there is mutual helpfulness in working with other associations of like faith and practice as to encourage the spirit of fellowship and good will. We also recognize that there have been devised, through the voluntary cooperation of churches of like faith and order, organizations whose purpose it is to implement the missionary, educational and benevolent interests and obligations of this association and its affiliated churches. Believing that the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention are organizations which have as their sole purpose the promotion and support of missions; education and benevolence of the character and in keeping with the spirit of the Bylaws and Constitution of this association, we therefore voluntarily agree to participate in the programs and ministries of these organizations.

## V. MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATION

### Section A: Requirement and Procedure

Membership will be as set forth in Article III and IV of attached Constitution of this body, namely the Bladen Baptist Association.

### Section B: Duties of Affiliated Churches

1. *Cooperation.* Any church affiliated with this body shall support the same financially and be sympathetic with the purpose and mission of this body. Any voting member of this body must first be a member of an affiliated church.

2. *Provide Annual Church Profile (ACP).* Each affiliated church shall send to the clerk of the Association fourteen (14) days prior to the Fall Session of the Association, on forms furnished by the Clerk, a full report of the church work for the year ending September 30th.

### Section C: Rights of Affiliation and Membership

1. Each affiliated church has a right to be represented by messengers or executive committee members as set forth in article III and IV of attached constitution of this body, who in turn shall have the right to vote on all matters brought before this association.

2. Any member of an affiliated church is eligible for consideration by the membership of the association for nomination to any elective office in the association.

**Section D: Termination of Affiliation**

*Church affilation with this association may be terminated in the following ways:*

1. By the affiliated church's request. The affiliated church may write a letter of request that its affiliation with Bladen Baptist Association be terminated. Such termination shall be effective as of the date the request is received and approved.

2. By exclusion. The association, after due notice and a reasonable opportunity for hearing and kindly efforts to make such action unnecessary, may terminate the affiliation of churches who fail to be supportive financially or fail to be sympathetic with the doctrine and purpose of this association.

## VI. MEETINGS

**Section A: Business.**

***Quorum. 12 affiliated churches represented by voting messenger(s) or executive board members shall constitute a quorum***

1. Annual Sessions of the Association shall be held on Tuesday evening and Wednesday a.m. and afternoon following the fourth Sunday in October.

2. Quarterly Sessions The Executive Board shall meet on Tuesday following the third Sunday of January, April, and July.

3. Special meetings may be called by the moderator or the director of missions provided one week advanced notice is given to the affiliated churches.

**Section B: Procedure.**

All meetings of the Association shall be opened with a devotional service followed by the order of business or agenda and closed with prayer. *An order of business shall be adopted at the beginning of each annual session which shall be changed only by a two-thirds vote of the body.*

**Section C: The Associational Year**

The Associational year and reports shall cover October 1st through September 30th. The fiscal year shall be January 1st through December 31st.

## VII. OFFICERS:

**Section A. Generally**

***Executive Officers of the association shall be Moderator, vice-moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer.*** Other officers shall be stewardship director historian and such others as the association shall determine. For all such officers the association shall establish and set forth in the bylaws, their means of selection and duties. All officers must be members in good standing of an affiliated church and serve at the pleasure of the association.

**1. Duties of Executive Officers**

**a. Function as Board of Directors.** The currently serving Executive Officers shall meeting and acting together, constitute the Board of Directors of Bladen Baptist Association. Such Board of Directors shall change by and in the same procedure as Executive officers change. In their capacity as directors, they shall have the duties and responsibilities attendant to Directors, subject however to the limitation set forth in the charter bylaws and constitution. The Directors shall not have power, except as expressly authorized by the association, to purchase or sell or encumber any real or personal property, to install or remove officers or staff, to amend the Charter, bylaws or constitution, or to bind the corporation to any contract.

**b. Corporate Officers.** The moderator shall, whenever required by law or practice, serve as the President of the Corporation, having however only such express powers as are granted by the association, and having no power absent such express authorization to bind the corporation in any matter or act for it. In a similar manner and subject to the same limitations, the Vice-Moderator shall be authorized to act as the Vice-President.

**Section B. Moderator.**

The Moderator shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually as set forth in article VI of the attached constitution.

The Moderator shall preside at all meetings of the Association. He/She shall be a member of the Executive Board, and as opportunity may permit, shall act as fraternal visitor to the churches throughout the year, representing the fellowship of the entire association.

**Section C. Vice-Moderator.**

The Vice-Moderator shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually as set forth in article VI of the attached constitution. The Vice-Moderator shall preside in the absence of the moderator, He/She shall be a member of the Executive Board, and as opportunity may permit, shall act as fraternal visitor to the churches throughout the year, representing the fellowship of the entire association.

**Section D. Clerk.**

The Clerk shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Clerk shall work with the Assoicational Staff in keeping an accurate record of the proceedings of the association, and shall prepare and cause to be published and distributed, as directed by the Association or Executive Board, minutes and statistics of the Association as soon as practical after adjournment of the Fall Session. He/she shall mail the necessary forms and letters to the clerks of the churches affiliated with the association six weeks before they are due. Copies of the annuals shall be provided without charge for the officers, and provided for affiliated churches as requested by payment. A copy shall be sent to each department of the Baptist State Convention and other institutions and individuals as the Association or Executive Committee may direct.

**Section E. Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall be nominating by the nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Treasurer shall work with the Associational Staff to receive all receipts of the association, disburse them according to its order, and present a printed report of the same to the Fall Session of the Association and to the Executive Board.

**Section F. Stewardship Director**

The Stewardship Director shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Stewardship Director shall be responsible for Stewardship Promotion working with the Director of Missions and subject to the supervision of the Executive Board.

**Section G. Historian**

The Historian shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Historian shall encourage churches to preserve their historical material, to publish a church history from time to time, and to observe their special anniversaries. He/She should maintain an Associational Historical Collection.

## VIII. COMMITTEES

**Section A. Generally**

Committees of the association shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected annually by the association except those committees appointed by the moderator. Such committees are clearly designated in the by-laws and constitution. There are two types of committees, standing and special. Standing committees are listed in these by-laws while special committees are elected by the association in accordance to need.

**Section B. Duties**

**1. THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** The Program Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Director of Missions, Director of Music and Pastors of the host churches. The vice-moderator shall be chairman of this committee. It shall prepare a printed program for the Annual Meeting and distribute copies to program personnel and pastors at least thirty (30) days in advance. The committee shall present the program for adoption by the association and manage any adjustments.

**2. FINANCE COMMITTEE:** This committee shall consist of five members whose duty it shall be . . . to supervise the financial program of the association and to report to the Executive Board regarding the same at each quarterly meeting. The Finance Committee shall submit to the Executive Board at the July Meeting, a budget for the coming year. The budget will be voted on at the Fall Session of the association.

**3. NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** This Committee, composed of 5 members, shall nominate officers, Division Directors and committee members as set forth in Article V and IX of this constitution. It shall also nominate associational representatives for convention institutions and agencies as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee or association. Vacancies occuring between annual sessions shall be filled by the Executive Board upon presentation of nominee(s) by this committee.

**4. CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE:** This committee, composed of three members, shall be available to review study and propose changes in the constitution, and make recommendations to the association regarading any changes.

**5. ORDINATION COMMITTEE:** This committee, composed of five (5) members shall, when requested by a member church, assist in the examination and ordination of candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

**6. DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS RELATIONS COMMITTEE:** This Committee, composed of four (4) members, shall work with the Director of Missions in keeping his job description up to date, abiding by the guidelines adopted for the relationship, reviewing compensation and time arrangements, arranging for mutual evaluation sessions, handling criticisms of the Director of Missions and hearing his complaints, helping with staff difficulties, and dealing with any problems that may arise.

**7. COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS:** This committee, composed of three (3) members and appointed by the moderator, shall study proposed resolutions and make its report in the final session of the annual meeting.

**8. COMMITTEE OF PLACE AND PREACHER:** This committee, composed of three (3) members is appointed by the moderator. It shall seek out and recommend meeting places for annual sessions. It shall also recommend preachers and alternates for the Fall Sessions.

**9. COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT:** This committee is appointed by the moderator and shall be composed of five members. It shall work with the office staff to prepare for and direct the enrollment of messengers at each of the annual sessions.

## IX. DIVISION DIRECTORS

**Section A. Generally**

Division directors are nominated by the nominating committee and elected annually by the association according to procedure set forth in article VII of the attached constitution. A director for each of the following divisions shall be elected: Brotherhood, Discipleship Training, Deacon Consultant, Evangelism, Leisure Ministry, Media, Missions Development, Music, Seminary Extension, Sunday School, Womans Missionary Union, and Youth.

**Section B. Duties**

1. It shall be the responsibility of each Division Director to coordinate and assist the work of each committee or program group in that particular division.

2. The Division Director shall make quarterly progress reports to the Executive Board and shall prepare and submit a written annual report for the Book of Reports not later than the last scheduled meeting of the Executive Board prior to the Annual Session.
3. The Division Director shall serve on the Associational Council to help plan and coordinate the total associational ministry.
4. The Division Director shall prepare and submit a budget request for his/her division to the Finance Committee by July 1, prior to budget year planned.

## X. PARLIAMENTARIAN

The parliamentarian shall be appointed by the moderator and shall be well versed in Robert's Rules of Order.

## XI. DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

### Section A. Election

The Director of Missions shall be elected upon the recommendation of a duly elected search committee. Nominees for the Search Committee shall be presented by the Nominating Committee to the Executive Board who shall be responsible for electing the same. The Search Committee shall then search out and recommend a qualified candidate to the Executive Board for Election. The term of office for the Director of Missions shall be until terminated by mutual consent or at the official request of either party.

### Section B. Duties

The Director of Missions shall have general oversight of the work of the association, cooperating with all elected officers of the Association and member churches. The Director shall be an exofficio member of all committees, councils and organizations of the Association. His duties shall be carried out in accordance with agreed job description.

### Section C. Vacancy

When a vacancy occurs and during the interim period, *the Associational Council shall seek out and recommend an interim Director of Missions to the Executive Board.*

### Section D. Grievances

Any matter relating to the Director of Missions which is not covered in this constitution or covenant agreed upon by the Association and the Director of Missions shall be referred to the DOM Relations Committee who in turn will make recommendations to the Executive Board if and when necessary.

## XII. REVENUE

The Bladen Baptist Association shall be supported through contributions from the affiliated churches and individual gifts. Gifts other than undesignated monies, shall be accepted at the discretion of the Finance Committee.

## XIII. SALARIES OF OFFICERS

Salaries of the Director of Missions of the association, as well as any other officer, shall be such amount as may be provided for in the Annual Budget and approved by the association in its Fall Session.

## XIV. MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The Minutes of all sessions of the association shall be examined, approved, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before being printed.

## XV. AUDITOR

1. The Auditor shall examine the financial books and records of the association and submit a detailed report covering his audit at such time as may be required by the Executive Board of the association.

## XVI. VISITORS

1. Visitors are welcome to attend any business session of the Bladen Baptist Association, but without deliberation or voting privileges. Vistors may speak at the discretion of the moderator.

## XVII. AMENDMENTS

1. These By-Laws may be amended at any annual session of the association by a two-thirds vote, provided the proposed amendment(s) have been presented in writing during the first session. The vote shall then be taken the following day at a time on the program designated by the moderator.

## XVIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

1. These By-Laws or any additions or amendments thereto shall become effective immediately upon passage.

Submitted by Constitution Committee
Mr. Worth Hester
Mrs. Josie Carroll
Mrs. Florence Suggs

Adopted
October 28, 1997

# ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

## 1998-1999

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# CALENDAR 1999

## JANUARY '99

**1** **New Years Day**
7-8 Vocational Evangelism Conf. Caraway
**11-12** **NC Evangelism Conference, Winston-Salem**
11-13 NC Baptist Music Conference
**19** **Bladen Bapt. Pastor/Spouse Conf.**
**19** **Bladen Baptist Executive Board**
24 Baptist Men's Day
25 Deadline for Summer Min. Applications
25 NC Baptist Singers' Concert
28-29 Preschool & Children's Minister's Continuing Education Retreat, Caraway
29-30 NC Baptist Men's Convention

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## FEBRUARY '99

7-14 Week of Prayer and Special Offering for Baptist Retirement Homes of NC
19-20 Interviews - Summer Missions, Caraway
19-20 Youth Choir Festival/Instrumental Festival
21 Baptist Seminaries, Colleges, and School Day Emphasis
21 Volunteers in Missions Day
**23** **Bladen Baptist Pastor/Spouse Conf.**
**25-26** **VBS Clinics (East)**
26-27 Adult Handbell Festivals

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## MARCH '99

1-4 Youth Ministers' Continuing Education Retreat
12-13 NC Baptist Men's Board Meeting, Caraway
12-13 Youth Handbell Festivals
15 NC Baptist Singers' Concert
16-18 In-Office Days, General Board Staff, Cary
19-20 Challenger's Convention
19-20 Language Pastors' Conference, Caraway
21 "Start Something New Sunday"
**23** **Bladen Pastor/Spouse Conf.**
26-28 BSU Spring Conference
**28** **Assoc. Bible Drills**

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## APRIL '99

**4** **Easter**
7 Bible Drill Registration due to Baptist State Convention
9-11 International Student Conference, Caswell
9-11 Spring Fling I, Caswell
12-14 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
16 State Youth Bible Drills & State Youth Speaker's Tournament (two locations)
16-17 Interstate Witness Seminar, Caraway
16-17 Disaster Relief Expo
16-18 Adult Campcraft Training, Caraway Campgrounds
16-18 Church Orientation - WITNESS, Caraway
16-18 Spring Fling II, Caswell
16-18 Single Adult Retreat, Caswell
17 Lad Crusader Congresses

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17 State Children's Bible Drills (five locations)
19 NC Baptist Singers' Concert
19-21 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
**20 Pastor/Spouse Conference 10:00 a.m.**
**20 Bladen Baptist Executive Com. 7:30 p.m.**
23 State youth Bible Drills and State Youth Speakers' Tournament (two locations)
23-25 Spring Fling Retreat III, Caswell
24 State Children's Bible Drills (5 locations)
26-27 NC Baptist Ministers'/Laymen's Retreat (Caswell)
26-28 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
30-May2 Blind Fellowship Retreat, Caraway

**MAY '99**

1 Finalist Youth Speakers' Tournament and Finalist Youth Bible Drill
**3-4 Key Leadership, Caswell**
2-9 Week of Prayer and Special Offering for NC Baptist Hospital
9 Mothers' Day
7-8 Eastern NC Evangelism Workshop (Caswell)
7-8 Lay Renewal Gathering, Caraway
10-12 Coastal Adult Sr. Retreat, Caswell
10-12 Spring Senior Adult Retreat, Caraway
12-14 Spring Senior Adult Retreat, Caraway
14-16 Spring Fling Adult Retreat IV, Caswell
15 State Royal Ambassador Track Meet
16 Senior Partner's Day
17 NC Baptist Singers' Concert
17-19 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
**18 Bladen Pastors/spouse Conf. 10:00 a.m.**
21-23 Couples Spring Break, Caswell
21-25 Truett Camp, Girls Week
23-27 Summer Ministries Orientation, Meredith College
24-26 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
31 Memorial Day Holiday
31-June 2 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
31-June 5 Youth Evangelism Spring Thing, Caswell

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**JUNE '99**

4-6 Single Adult Evangelism Conference, Caswell
7-12 Youth Conference I, Caswell
6-13 Orientation for Camp Staff, Caraway
14 Caraway Summer Camp for Boys Opens
14-18 Caraway Summer Camp for Boys, Week I
14-18 Mundo Vista Summer Camp for Girls, GA Week
14-19 Youth Conference II, Caswell
15-17 Southern Bap. Convention, Atlanta, Georgia
21-25 Caraway Summer Camp for Boys, Week 2
21-25 Mundo Vista Summer Camp for Girls, GA Week
21-26 Youth Evangelism Week I, Caswell
28-30 Father/Son Mini-Week, Caraway
28-July 2 Truett Camp - Girls Week
28-July 2 GA Camp, Camp Mundo Vista
28-July 3 Youth Evangelism Week II, Caswell
30-July 2 Father/Son Mini-Week, Caraway

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**JULY '99**

**4** **July 4th Holiday (BSC offices closed)**
5-9 Caraway Summer Camp, Week 4
5-9 GA/Acteens Camp, Camp Mundo Vista
5-9 Family Fun and Focus Week, Caswell
5-9 Week of Christian Study & Fellowship, Mars Hill
5-10 Music Week, Caswell
12-16 Caraway Summer Camp, Week 5
12-16 GA Camp, Camp Mundo Vista
12-17 World Missions Week, Caswell
19-23 Camp Angel Tree, Caraway
19-23 Acteens/Angel Tree, Camp Mundo Vista
19-24 Youth Conference III, Caswell
**20** **Bladen Executive Board, 7:30 p.m.**
**24** **Pastors/Spouse Picnic, 11:00 a.m.**
26-30 Caraway Summer Camp, Week 7
26-30 GA Camp, Mundo Vista
26-31 Youth Conference IV, Caswell
**29-30** **SUPER SUMMER '99 - Carowinds**

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**AUGUST '99**

2-6 Grace for the Journey (AIDS Retreat), Caraway
2-6 Caraway Summer Camp, Week 8
2-6 GA Camp, Camp Mundo Vista
2-7 Christian Life Week, Caswell
6-7 Church Brotherhood Leadership Training, Caraway
7-9 Happiness Retreat I, Caraway Conference and Camp
9-11 Happiness Retreat II, Caraway Conference and Camp
11-13 Happiness Retreat III, Caraway Conference and Camp
13-14 Lay Witnessing Conference, Caraway
**17** **Bladen Pastors/Spouse Conf., 10:00 a.m., Briar Branch**
23-27 Senior Adult Conference by the Sea, Caswell

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**SEPTEMBER '99**

3-4 NC Baptist Men Board Meeting
**6** **Labor Day Holiday (BSC offices closed)**
10-11 Music Leadership Training Retreat
**12-19** **Week of Prayer and Special Offering for North Carolina Missions**
13-14 NC Baptist Singers' Retreat
13-15 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
17-18 Lad/Crusader Camporee, Caraway Campgrounds
17-18 Caraway I, SS Leadership
19 Biblical Recorder Day
20-21 NC Baptist Ministers'/Laymen's Golf Retreat, Caraway
**21** **Bladen Pastors/Spouse Conf., 10:00 a.m.**
20-22 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
24-25 Caraway 2 - SS Leadership Training
24-26 Baptist Student Convention, Ridgecrest
27-29 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
28 Council on Christian Higher Education Meeting, Caraway
28 Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs Meeting, Caraway
28-29 General Board Meeting, Caraway

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## OCTOBER '99

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| 1-2 | Music Leadership Training Retreat |
| 1-2 | Equipping Today's Church, Caswell |
| 3 | Cooperative Program/Stewardship Emphasis Sunday |
| 4-5 | Senior Adult Choir Festival |
| 4-6 | Fall Senior Adult Conference, Caraway |
| 4-6 | Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell |
| 8-9 | Royal Ambassador Leadership Training |
| 10 | World Hunger Day |
| 11-13 | Fall Senior Adult Conference, Caraway |
| 11-13 | Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell |
| 13-15 | Fall Senior Adult Conference, Caraway |
| 15-16 | Literacy Missions Retreat, Caraway |
| 18-20 | Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell |
| **25-26** | **ANNUAL MEETING-BLADEN ASSOC.** |
| 25-27 | Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell |
| 29-31 | The Church and Addiction Con., Caraway |

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## NOVEMBER '99

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| 1-2 | Children's Bible Drill/Youth Bible Drill Leaders'/Judges' Training (four locations) |
| 5-6 | NC Baptist HealthCare Fellowship Annual Meeting |
| 7-13 | Royal Ambassador Week in the Churches |
| 12-14 | NC Baptist Conference of the Deaf, Caraway |
| **14-21** | **Week of Prayer and Special Offering for NC Baptist Children's Homes** |
| **15-17** | **Baptist State Convention-Lawrence Joel Memorial Coliseum, Winston-Salem, NC** |
| 18-19 | In-Office Days, General Board Staff, Cary |
| 19-21 | Fall Youth Evangelism Retreat, Caswell |
| **23** | **Bladen Pastors/Spouse Conf., 10:00 a.m.** |
| **25-26** | **Thanksgiving Holidays** |

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| 1-3 | Christmas By the Sea, Caswell |
| 6-8 | Christmas By the Sea, Caswell |
| 8-10 | Christmas By the Sea, Caswell |
| **23-Jan. 1** | **Christmas Holidays-Office Closed** |
| **25** | **CHRISTMAS DAY-JOY TO THE WORLD** |
| 26 | Challengers Overseas Missions Trip |
| 31-Jan. 1 | New Year's Eve Exciting Alternative |

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# EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
## January 20, 1998

The Executive Board met at the Bladen Baptist Association Center on January 20, 1998 at 7:30 P.M. with Moderator Michael Thompson presiding and leading in devotion and prayer.

The roll call of churches indicated there were 21 present with 17 churches represented.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as they were printed. They had been mailed to each executive board member prior to the meeting.

**REPORTS:**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Moderator Thompson reported that Ms. Linda Thompson would be in this office on Thursday, February 19, 1998 at 9:00 A.M. He encouraged good participation. Ms. Thompson will be available to help in anyway needed. He said that the Sunday School Board was interested in hearing what the churches had to say about the Sunday School literature.

**DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING:** Mrs. Etta Mae Smith reported that the Bible Drill Rally was held on October 4, 1997 and Zion Hill church was the only church represented. She reported that M night was held on November 24, 1997 at Tar Heel Baptist Church with 113 attending which represented six churches. The banners went to Tar Heel Church with 36 present. An inspirational music presentation was made by *"God's Kids"* of Tar Heel, the Hickory Grove Choir, Christian Harmony of Center Roads and Jenny Smith of Zion Hill. She made favorable comments about the program of the evening which was led by Ms. Phyllis Elliott. The challenge was made for us to serve like Jesus.

**BROTHERHOOD:** DOM Roberts reported in the absence of Mr. Ewin Davis. He reported that there is going to be a disaster recovery training on Saturday at 9:30 A.M. at the Elizabethtown Baptist Church. The experts from the State Baptist Men Division in Raleigh will conduct the training. The cost is $10.00 and includes registration, meal, hat or a tee shirt. Each participate will receive certification to be admitted to the disaster areas when involved in disaster recovery. This training will enable the participate to engage in the clean up after hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, etc. DOM Roberts urged a good participation in the training.

**MUSIC:** No report.

**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION:** No report

**MEDIA LIBRARY:** No report.

**ANNUNITY AND DEACON CONSULTANT:** Rev. Donald Coley announced that on May 1, 1998 there will be a Deacon's Retreat at the Dublin Baptist Church at 6:30 P.M. and he urged all churches to encourage their deacons to attend. Mr. Eddie Hammett, Deacon Consultant with the State Bapitst Convention will be leading.

**MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT:** No report.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Mr. David Clark reported. A copy of the report had previously been mailed to each member. See attached report. Moderator asked for questions or comments. There being none, the report was approved as recorded.

**EVANGELISM:** Rev. Bob Boone reported that on February 26, 1998, 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. at Galeed Baptist Church there will be a creative evangelism session. The various sessions will include, evangelistic music, drama, gospel illusion, puppetry and other methods of sharing Jesus in alternative fashions. The churches will receive information soon. He requested that everyone respond as quickly as possible. Indicating which sessions they would like participation in. If a church wants to participate in more than one session it would be

necessary to send at least one person for each session. Rev. Boone emphasized that this is a time for actual training for those who plan to carry their expertise back to their respective churches for implementation.

**DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS:** DOM Roberts announced that Baptist Men's Day is approaching soon. He also reported that the lot for the Hispanic Mission is now in the process of being cleared. The timber has been cut. There are scheduled work days for further work, and plans are to complete the work very soon. He reported that a list of the churches who have participated in the mission project will be on the table to view at the close of the meeting tonight. The ending balance for the fund for the Hispanic building is $30,205.98. The cost is anticipated to be between $80,000 and $90,000 for the entire project. The goal is not to borrow money for the project. DOM Roberts encouraged the churches to elect their Bible School leaders because the statewide clinic will be on February 7, 1998 for the leaders.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:** Rev. Steve Butler recognized Rev. Lorenzo Torez to give the report on the Hispanic Mission. Rev. Torez reported the attendance of the mission is now between 40-50. There has been 49 professions of faith as of this date. He urged continued prayer for the mission. Ms. Delilah Osornio reported an approximate amount of $2,000.00 at this time in their treasurer. Their plans are to give $1,500.00 of this money to fund for the building.

DOM Roberts introduced and welcomed Dr. Gerald Hewitt, Intentional Interim Pastor at Sandy Grove Baptist Church.

Rev. Steve Butler announced that the Brotherhood and the Builders will have a meeting on February 16, 1998 concerning the building project. The projected time for beginning the construction of the building will be the first Monday after Easter. There is a sub-committee to be responsible for the beginning of the construction on the 26th. The goal is to have the concrete pad poured and the electrical part of the pad in place on the 26th. The actual construction on the building will begin on Monday, April 13, 1998. This will be the day for the volunteer laborers to be on site.

DOM Roberts also reminded us that during a disaster recovery event helpers would be needed to minister to the families who had experienced any type of disaster. He urged anyone who felt they could not operate a chain saw or do other carpentry work, to go to the clinic for the personal ministry training.

**NOMINATION COMMITTEE:** Mr. Elwood Cain reported in the absence of Rev. Darryll Hester, Chairman. The nominating committee recommends that Mrs. Barbara Britt, Center Roads Baptist Church, be nominated as the Sunday School Director. There was no opposition and the motion carried unanimously.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE:** Mr. Gerald Smith, Chairman, reported that it had been brought to the attention of the committee some work needed to be done on the associational building. The committee is recommending that the windows be replaced with vinyl windows. He also recommended that the ceiling under the carport and the storage area be replaced with vinyl siding. The estimate cost would be around $3,500.00 The floor was opened for discussion. The recommendation to go forward with the repair work was approved with a unanimous vote.

**LEISURE MINISTRY COMMITTEE:** Rev. Walter Hayes announced the 30 year celebration of the leisure ministry. There will be a banquet, and the workers who have worked in the camp grounds and those who have worked with the ministry will be recognized. They are planning to have an outdoor concert at the lake. The plan to again sponsor the continental breakfast for the hospice tournament. Rev. Hayes also reminded the members to let his committee know of any assistance any church might need to reach the unchurched people in their communities. He also needs a worker who can work 40 hours per month visiting the campgrounds each weekend to be assured there will be workers on the sites at the campground. The association has received $1,000.00 from the State Baptist Convention to

help in this area of outreach program. The association has also received $800.00 from the State Convention for projects such as the musical program Rev. Hayes mentioned earlier. The Leisure Committee is also working on a float to be in the Water Festival at White Lake this year.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

All new board members were welcomed to the session.

Rev. Bruce Cannon made a motion the session be adjourned at 8:55 P.M. Rev. Paul Forrester dismissed with prayer remembering several prayer request that was petitioned to God at the conclusion of the session.

Respectfully submitted:
Michael Thompson, Moderator
Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
### April 14, 1998

The Executive Board met at the Bladen Baptist Center on April 14, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. with Moderator Michael Thompson presiding. Rev. Bruce Cannon led in devotion and prayer.

The roll call of the churches indicated there were 16 members present with 12 churches represented.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed with the following correction: Under the Special Committee Report by Rev. Steve Butler, third paragraph, fifth line, should read: "The goal is to have the concrete pad poured and the in-concrete plumbing completed by 26th of April.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** DOM Roberts reported in the absences of Mrs. Barbara Britt. Mrs. Britt is very interested in having an active consultant team, and she is planning to go to Caswell and also to Raleigh on May 14 & 15 for SBC conference training. She is planning for the team to be ready to go into the churches by September. There were 11 churches who participated in the Vacation Bible School training.

**DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING:** DOM Roberts reported in the absence of Mrs. Etta Mae Smith. The Associational Bible Drill was cancelled because of no participation.

**WOMEN MISSIONARY UNION:** Rev. Bob Boone reported in the absence of Mrs. Elizabeth Bryan. the annual WMU meeting which was previously scheduled to be next Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at Northside Baptist Church has been changed to be at Zion Hill Baptist Church at the same time. The speaker will be Mrs. Donice Harrod, President of North Carolina WMU.

**MEDIA LIBRARY:** No report.

**ANNUITY:** No report.

**MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT:** No report.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Mr. David Clark presented the Budget Summary and total Receipts Report for January through March 1998. The attached report was accepted as printed.

**EVANGELISM:** Rev. Bob Boone reported that on Thursday, February 26, 1998 there was a Creative Evangelism Workshop held at Galeed Baptist Church. There were 13 churches represented. The workshops consisted of Mormonism, Christian Planning, Gospel Illusion and Puppetry.

**DOM REPORT:** DOM Roberts brought an update on the Hispanic project. He explained the reason for the delay in the building project. He reported that the churches had sent in $46,674.13 as of this date. The estimated figure for completing the building is between $90,000 and $100,000. The goal is to have the foundation completed by April 30, 1998. It is anticipated that the framing of the walls will be held on the following two weekends. He expressed his appreciation for the many volunteers who have signed up for the work. On April 30, 1998 at 7 o'clock, there will be a banquet held at Sandy Grove Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, which will be sponsored by the N.C. Baptist Men and the Bladen Baptist Men. The meal will be $5.25 and the N.C. Baptist Men is furnishing $5.00 per meal. DOM Roberts reported that the Hispanic Mission had given $1,500 toward the project and they plan to give 3% of their offerings retroactive to January 1998 to the association budget.

DOM Roberts announced that there will be a Deacon/Spouse conference to be held on May 1, 1998, 6:30 p.m. at Dublin First Bapitst Church. The meal will be $5.25. Bro. Eddie Hammett, Baptist State Convention will be leading the conference. He urged a good representation.

DOM Roberts reminded that there will be a banquet for the 30 year celebration of the Leisure/Resort Ministry at White Lake campgrounds. The invitations have been mailed, but if anyone has worked with the ministry and didn't get an invitation to let him know. There will be a float in the Water Festival parade at White Lake. He also reported that the leisure ministry will be furnishing a continental breakfast for the Hospice Golf Tournament which will be next Thursday morning.

DOM Roberts also reported the annuals will be ready for distribution next week, and they can be picked up at the office. The price is $6.00 each.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Mrs. Thelma Barnes presented a recommendation from this committee for the key leadership positions in the Bladen Baptist Association for the coming year as listed on the attached report. The report was accepted by a unanimous vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** A letter addressed to DOM Roberts from Rev. Bob Carter, Senior Pastor, Oasis Bible Fellowship Church was read. A copy of the letter is attached. The letter was read for information only. The request will be addressed at the annual session in the fall.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Rev. Bruce Cannon announced there will be an evangelism conference at Caswell on May 1, 1998. He encouraged good participation and reported the cost would be $50.00. This figure includes meals.

Mr. Roy Rogers from White Lake Baptist church announced that he and his wife will be going on a mission trip to St. Lucia on June 15-24, 1998. This will be a person to person witness on the island.

Moderator Thompson announced that there will be a Youth Fest to be held at Bladen Community College on May 2, 1998. He encouraged every one to announce it in their churches.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with Rev. Richard Smith making the motion. Moderator Thompson closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Michael Thompson, Moderator
Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

# EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
## July 21, 1998

The Executive Board met at the Bladen Baptist Center on July 21, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. with Moderator Michael Thompson presiding. Rev. Darryll Hester led in devotion and prayer. He chose his scripture from Luke 24:1-5.

The roll call of the churches was made. There were 29 present with 18 churches represented.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Mrs. Barbara Britt reported that our focus for the 1998-99 church year for Sunday School is Power to Change Lives - Building a Great Commission Sunday School. She emphasized that the function of the church is Worship, Evangelism, Fellowship, Discipleship and Ministry. She encouraged all churches to strive for these functions for the cause of Jesus Christ.

She encouraged Sunday School Directors and Department heads to join at the Key Leadership Conference to be held at Tar Heel Baptist Church, September 22, 1998, at 7:00 p.m.

**DISCIPLESHIP:** DOM Roberts reported in the absence of Mrs. Etta Smith. The Bible Drill Kick-Off will be held on October 3, 1998. M night will be on November 23, 1998 at Galeed Baptist Church.

**BROTHERHOOD:** Mr. Ewin Davis reminded that the Associational Team Leadership meeting will be on August 25, 1998 at Hickory Grove Baptist Church at 7 o'clock p.m. He gave an update on the progress of the Hispanic Mission project of the Baptist Men.

**MUSIC:** DOM Roberts reported in the absence of Rev. Aaron Brooks. He reported that plans are being made for an associational choir to sing at our annual meeting. Choir directors will be notified of times and places for practices.

**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION:** No report.

**MEDIA LIBRARY:** No report.

**ANNUITY:** No report.

**MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT:** No report.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Mr. David Clark presented the quarterly report and the new budget for the coming year. A copy of both reports had been mailed to members previously. The motion was recommended to be presented at the annual associational meeting in the Fall. Motion carried.

**EVANGELISM:** No report.

**DIRECTOR OF MISSION'S REPORT:** DOM Roberts thanked all who had helped with the Hispanic Mission project and gave special thanks to the WMU ladies who had furnished the meals each day. He also thanked the churches for the generous donations. There has been a little over $68,000 received thus far. We have spent around $28,000 as of this date.

He added to the comments Mrs. Britt had previously made regarding the Key Leadership Conference. He indicated that his conference will also include the other departmental groups such as Discipleship, Music, Media/Library, Annuity, Missions Development, Evangelism. He encouraged the churches to send representatives for the conferences.

He reminded us of the annual meeting to be held on October 26, 1998 at 6 o'clock p.m. at Galeed Baptist Church with the pastor's meeting at 5:45 p.m. and registration at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, October 27, 3 o'clock p.m. until 9 o'clock p.m. at Clarkton First Bapitst Church. There will be an evening meal on Tuesday.

DOM Roberts expressed he would like to have a parade of flags of the churches for the opening service at the associational meeting.

DOM Roberts also reported the possibility of a Christian Television Station based in Bladen County. This would be for Bladen and Columbus counties. The towers for the station will be located at Council and Lumberton. It is projected that the project would be completed within six months. There will be an informational meeting for interested ones to be held at the Front Porch Restaurant on this coming Thursday morning at 8 o'clock. There will be a continental breakfast for those attending. Mr. Jim Layton will be present to answer any questions.

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:** Rev. Darryll Hester presented the list of officers for the association that will be submitted to the Annual Session in October for 1998-99 year. This report came as a recommendation from this committee and they would also like to have the option to complete the vacancies before the annual meeting. Motion carried. (copy of the report attached)

**HISPANIC COMMITTEE:** Rev. Steve Butler expressed his gratitude for all the assistance that has been given by the churches. He reported that the mission is overjoyed with everything that has been done. They have had over 50 people saved in the mission.

Rev. Butler requested prayer for the jail ministry. He also reported that if anyone wanted to give Bibles for the ministry they could be purchased at Bladen Office Supply for $3.00 each.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Moderator Thompson appointed the following to serve on the following committees: **Preacher and Place:** Rev. David Elks, Chairman, Rev. James Brooks and Rev. Steve Butler, **Resolutions:** Rev. Darryll Hester, Chairman, Mr. Charles Little and Mr. Ewin Davis, **Enrollment:** Rev. Jerry Beck, Chairman and a person from each church to work with him who will be appointed later. These committee members will serve in the Fall of 1998.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mr. Howard Elkins commented on the tape ministry his church is participating in and commented it is very rewarding to tape the Sunday sermon and disperse it to the shut-ins.

Rev. David Elks commented on the World Changers who are in Chattanooga, Tenn. this week witnessing and working on the projects.

Rev. Darryll Hester gave a praise report on their church trip to Emerald Isle this summer.

Moderator Thompson reported on their first contemporary worship service as being successful and requested prayer again for the next service this coming Sunday night.

DOM Roberts requested prayer for the Ukraine student who received his BA degree from Campbell University and one semester at the divinity school. He had returned home for the summer and now is unable to return to the U.S. because our embassy will not grant him a visa to return to the U.S.

Their being no further business, Rev. Jerry Beck led in the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Michael Thompson, Moderator
Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

# DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT
# 1998

Our Theme for 97-98 was *"Share the Faith - Start Something New"*. This was not only a challenge for our association (churches collectively), but for each individual church. In retrospect several churches reported new approaches to worship and outreach which have proven to be very effective in sharing the faith.

The association has responded to the theme challenge in part by building a church/ parsonage facility for our Hispanic friends. The project is nearing completion and should be ready for occupancy before year's end. Our association is to be commended in that 29 out of 34 churches have contributed financially to this worthy cause. A complete record of churches and gifts are given elsewhere in this book of reports. The total contributions by churches and other sources total as of this report $84,658.24. The total cost is estimated to be around $115,000 to 120,000; therefore you may be asked to help again. Thanks! Thanks to our churches as well as the many businesses and individuals who have given of their time and talents which have been essential in completing such a large project at such a low cost. It is estimated that somewhere around $140,000 has been donated in labor and other contributions. To God be the glory!

My special thanks to all the division leaders whose reports you may read in this book of reports for the good and efficient jobs they have done this year in leading the various ministries of our association. We were well represented this year at the state key-leadership conference, the result was a very successful and well attended associational key-leadership conference. (20 churches represented)

In looking to next year with the theme, *"Live the Faith, Share His Love"*, each of us is challenged to do our best to implement innovative as well as traditional methods of *"Sharing His Love"*.

Thank you for supporting associational missions and allowing Ella Rae and me to work with you in this area. Have a great year in ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
Mack Roberts
Director of Missions

# REPORT FROM MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT

The Associational Missions Development Council is planning and praying for great things for Bladen Baptist Association after the completion of the construction of the Hispanic Mission work. What a tremendous blessing it has been to see our churches partner together with others outside the association to build the Hispanic Mission facility. It has also been a great pleasure to serve on the sub-committee working with the leaders of the Hispanic Mission as they are building the spiritual body of the Hispanic Mission. The reports of the baptisms in the lake and seeing the growth of the Mission spiritually and numerically has been wonderful. We thank the Lord for the many volunteers who have worked on the building and for the offerings given to undertake the task.

After the holidays the Associational Missions Development Council would like to have its own Key Leadership conference. More information about this will be coming forward to you at a later date. It is our hope that each Church will send at least one representative to this meeting that we may dream together of the things Bladen Baptist Association can accomplish in our Jerusalem and then in the uttermost parts of the earth.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce E. Cannon, Chairman

## DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

This year our Bible Drill Rally was held at Zion Hill Church with an informative program given by Danny Long of Columbus County. We had hot dogs for everyone.

"M Night" was hosted by Tar Heel Church on November 24th with 113 in attendance representing 6 churches. Pre-session was done by "God's Kids" of Tar Heel Church and music for the evening was presented by the Hickory Grove Choir, Christian Harmony and Ginnie Smith. They all did a fantastic job. We were then challenged by our speaker, Phyllis Elliott, to serve like Jesus and grow in Discipleship. She had three questions for us: Are you READY to serve like Jesus? Are SET to serve like Jesus? Are you WILLING to serve like Jesus? The banners both went to Tar Heel Church.

Thank you for your support during the past year. I look forward to working with you in the coming year and ask that you keep Discipleship Training and Bible Drill in your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Etta Smith
Discipleship Supporter

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today, we stand on the edge of a new millennium. While many people live in the life, light, and salvation of Christ, many others in our nation and around the world are dying in the darkness of sin. Jesus has still entrusted to His people the good news of Jesus Christ that has the power to change lives. He has promised to be with us as we share the good news about Christ. The purpose of a Great Commission Sunday School is to lead people to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and to serve Him through worship, evangelism, fellowship, discipleship, and ministry; Christians will grow spiritually; the ministry of the church will expand; and the church will advance. Jesus began the great Commission with a declaration of imminent power and He ended with the promise of His abiding presence.

Our mission as Bladen Baptists is to lead people to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and to serve Him through worship, evangelism, fellowship, discipleship, and ministry. The Sunday School theme for the church year of 1998-1999 is *"Carry the Light . . . Seek God's Power"* as we build a *"Great Commission"* Sunday School. A Bladen Baptist Associational Consultant Team (ACTeam) consisting of the associational Sunday School director (general leadership), a children/youth consultant, and an adult consultant is in place and is ready to provide assistance and resources for churches as you carry out the mission of your Great Commission Sunday School.

Barbara Baxley Britt
Associational Sunday School Director

## WMU 1997-1998

**WATCHWORD:** *"Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robber's hand?"* And he said, The one who showed mercy toward him? And Jesus said to him, *"Go and do the same."* (Luke 10:36-37 NASB)

**THEME:** Come Go With Me

Highlights of the WMU Ministries in the association this year include:

- We sent 261 pairs of gloves to the Women's Prisoners in Cary.
- November 3, 1997 was the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer.

- The response from the churches for the Dorothea Dix Christmas ministry was great!
- April 21st was the date for the annual meeting. Special guest speaker was Donice Harrod, North Carolina WMU President. Zion Hill Hosted the event with 63 in attendance.
- On August 25th, the Associational Key Leadership Conference was held at Hickory Grove.
- Please continue to support the Thrift Store with your donations and time!

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Bryan
Associational WMU Director

## BROTHERHOOD REPORT
## 1998

A great deal of change is taking place in our organizational structure since the Brotherhood commission was dissolved under the new organization of the SBC. We will now be hearing more about "Baptist Men's Ministries". The new name for Brotherhood Director will be "Baptist Men's Ministries Coordinator" and "Men's Ministry Director" will take the place of Baptist Men's Director. In our association we will have a "Baptist Men's Ministries Coordinator"; a "Missions/Ministry Coordinator", and an "RA Director". If you are interested in learning more about the new approach please contact me or Harvey Bedsole who is our "Missions/Ministry Coordinator". There are several options, find out what is best for your church.

Mission involvement opportunities have been numerous this year as our Baptist Men have been busy building our Hispanic Mission Church. We are very thankful for all the men who participated but disappointed that more men did not get involved.

In addition to the Hispanic Project, our association hosted a Baptist Men's Regional Training event for Disaster Relief Workers. We were blessed in that a large number of men turned out for the training. There was a follow up meeting for our men and great interest was expressed for purchasing a "Disaster Relief Trailer". A committee was appointed to bring back a recommendation regarding the cost and method of paying for this trailer. We look forward to completing this project next year.

If we may assist you in your "Baptist Men's Ministries" please give us a call.

Respectfully submitted,
Ewin Davis
Baptist Men's Ministries Coordinator

## MUSIC REPORT

As Music Director for the Association I attended the Key Leadership Conference at Caswell. There I picked up on some ideas that would be helpful in forming a team of resource people to assist the churches in this association. My first course of action was to get the Directors of Music in our association mobilized. Our plans were to meet for a cook-out and planning session August 29, 7:00 P.M. at West Bladenboro Baptist Church. These plans had to be postponed due to the storm Bonnie. A training session was planned for Tuesday, September 22, at 7:00 P.M. at Tar Heel Baptist Church for our Associational Key Leadership Conference. The organization of an Associational Choir was also included in the music plans for the Association.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Aaron Brooks

## HISPANIC COMMITTEE REPORT

Dearly Loved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Ephesians 1:3: *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."*

The Hispanic Mission is going well. On Sunday, October 4, 1998, just prior to this report being written, eighty-two people were present and to date, fifty-six people have been saved and many have been baptized into the Kingdom of God. We give glory, honor and praise to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Building of the Hispanic church is progressing well. The projected completion date is around the middle of November 1998, which happens to be the third anniversary of the mission.

God continues to bless the mission. Center Road Bapitst church's RA boys presented the mission with a fifteen passenger van to be used in the ministry. Praise God for those who have given of their time, talents and resources.

A committee has been elected by the Bladen Baptist Association to ensure the site is properly maintained, and said mission adheres to the practices and doctrine consistent with the Baptist Faith and Message.

Thank you all, for all that you have done to help further His Kingdom. Continue to pray for our Hispanic church as they prepare to move into their new facility and continue to reach people for Jesus.

Your Brother in Christ,
Rev. Steve Butler, Chairman

## EVANGELISM

II Peter 3:18 speaks of growing in *"Grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."* Therein are two areas in which we are commanded grow.

We almost always associate grace with evangelism and rightly so because it is by grace that we are saved, through faith. However, grace goes far beyond that elementary application.

I'm convinced that we must bring the efforts of Sunday School. Discipleship Training, and Evangelism together so that we can help those who have been saved by grace to grow both in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus. Therefore we are going to attempt in this new church year to plan strategies that encompass these areas in order to help Bladen Baptists in their efforts to comply with the commands of II Peter 3:18.

Meanwhile . . . On November 14-15, 1997, the Bladen Baptist Association's Evangelism Team sponsored a booth at the Bladen County Agriculture and Business Expo in Clarkton. We shared Jesus with several hundred people through gifts of apples with Scripture passages on them. Christian clowning. Gospel illusion, and tracts.

An Alternative Evangelism Clinic was held at Galeed Baptist Church on February 26, 1998. Thirteen churches sent representatives to learn more about Mormonism and its teachings, Christian clowning, Gospel illusion, beginning puppetry, and evangelistic puppetry. The opening exercises included an introduction to Christian ventriloquism by Becky Boone.

Members of our Evangelism team along with our Director of Missions attended a "Celebrate Jesus 2000" training session at Warsaw Baptist Church on September 25th.

Things to look forward to:

- CELEBRATE JESUS 2000 (you will be hearing much about this beginning today
- Bladen County Agriculture and Business Expo (November 14-15, 1998)

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Bob Boone, Director

# LEISURE/RESORT MINISTRY REPORT

Another year has gone by, but this year was different than any other year for leisure ministry. This year was the thirtieth year of leisure ministry in Bladen County. We started with a banquet to honor all who had worked so hard for so many years in this work and ended with a gift to a new mission of the association. We were able to reach out with the word of God to so many people in so many different settings. God has blessed this county with people who believe that truly it is better to give than to receive. We would like to say thank you to all who help with this ministry. May God reward you richly for your time, talents, and gifts.

Thank you again,
Walter Hayes, Director

| Campsite | Number Of Services | Attendance | Average Attendance | Offerings |
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| Harolds | 15 | 189 | 13 | $ 152.00 |
| Lakeside | 17 | 108 | 6 | $ 121.90 |
| Langston | 19 | 485 | 25 | $1,279.57 |
| Marshburn | 17 | 551 | 32 | $ 449.20 |
| Regal Resort | 15 | 295 | 20 | $ 231.05 |
| Tar Heel | 15 | 221 | 15 | $ 228.85 |
| **TOTALS** | **98** | **1849** | **19** | **$2,512.57** |

A special thank you to all the workers this year. Rev. Mark Forrester and Mr. Keith Dowd donated their mileage.

| **EXPENDITURES:** | |
|---|---|
| Spanish Mission | $1,000.00 |
| Banquet | 245.52 |
| Hospice Tournament | 52.16 |
| Float | 197.79 |
| Song Books | 104.94 |
| Cards, Banner, signs | 535.31 |
| Equipment Repair | 95.00 |
| Jimmy Cain | 250.00 |
| Clayton Tyndall | 200.00 |
| Claybourne Faircloth | 125.00 |
| **TOTAL EXPENDITURES** | **$2,805.72** |

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|---|---|---|
| October 17, 1997 Balance | | $3,358.10 |
| Offerings | | $2,512.57 |
| Total Cash to Date | | 5,870.67 |
| Less Listed Expenditures | | 2,805.72 |
| October 3, 1998 Balance | | $3,064.95 |
| Balance on CD | $6,128.16 | |

Respectfully Submitted,
Joyce H. Thomas
Leisure Ministry Sec./Tres.

## REPORT FROM DOM-RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The DOM-Relations Committee has perhaps the easiest of all positions in the Association. Because of the caliber of persons Dr. and Mrs. Roberts are, very little is asked of this committee. This committee would like to express its appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. Roberts for the example of Christian commitment they are both setting before us. Our whole association knows without a doubt the desire they have for the Churches of our Association to grow and prosper in the Lord. They truly model Christ before each of us, and exemplify what Paul said in Philippians 4:11, *"Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."*

The only recommendation the DOM-Relations Committee has is that we each continue to remember our Director of Missions and his wife in prayer, support them with our words of love and encouragement, and follow the leadership the Lord gives them as they seek to lead the churches of Bladen Baptist Association to do the work God has for them.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce E. Cannon, Chairman

## ORDINATION COUNCIL REPORT 1998

The Ordination Council of your association stands ready to assist churches in questioning and recommending any member of the local congregations for ordination who has given evidence of being called of God to the Gospel Ministry; has been licensed by their church and now called to a pastoral position.

The council was inactive this year in that no one called for it's services. During the coming year let us *"pray therefore to the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers" into the fields which are white unto harvest."*

Ordination Council Chairman
Rev. James Brooks

## DEACON CONSULTANT REPORT 1998

On Friday evening, May first, Dublin First Baptist Church hosted the Bladen Baptist Associational Deacons and Wives retreat with approximately eighty Deacons/Wives in attendance. A delicious meal was served at 6:30 P.M. and was enjoyed by all. Following the meal and some good fellowship, Bro. Eddie Hammett, Deacon Consultant from our Baptist State Convention and one of the finest authorities in the area of deacon ministry led our conference. I believe that all of our churches would benefit greatly if they would take advantage of this kind of training made possible through our Association. I encourage you to do so.

Deacon Consultant
Don Coley

## HISTORICAL EVENTS

Following are the historical events listed in the Annual Church Profiles:

**BUTTERS:** Remodeled and installed restrooms in church.

**DUBLIN:** Mr. Jimmy N. Taylor was ordained as a Deacon. Mr. Tharp Bordeaux was given a perfect attendance pin for 32 years of perfect attendance in Sunday School.

**LISBON:** Ordained Rodney Long as a Deacon.

**NORTHSIDE:** Constructed a handicapped shelter for the main sanctuary.

**RICHARDSON:** Renovated Sunday School Rooms and started piano scholarship fund for young student in congregation.

**RIVERSIDE:** Replaced windows with stained glass ones.

**SUGGS GROVE:** Installed a new church sign in July, 1998.

**SHADY GROVE:** Pastor Robert Gray spent 10 days at a Revival Retreat in Walterboro, S.C. Incorporated and completed their constitution.

**WHITES CREEK:** Youth crusade at Bladen Community College, Resort Ministry at White Lake, ordination of Ronnie Smith as Deacon.

**WHITE OAK:** Donations made for paving of parking lot, walk around church, drive through cemetery and improvement with shrubbery on church grounds.

We continue to feature two churches per year on the front and back covers of the Book of Reports. This year Butters and Tar Heel are recognized. Please continue to help us by sending any history updates regarding your church to me or the Baptist Resource Center.

Respectively Submitted
Mrs. Ethelene Barnes, Historian

## 1998 ANNUITY BOARD REPORT TO THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

At his first meeting with employees, Annuity Board President O.S. Hawkins challenged the staff to measure themselves by the biblical description of Israel's King David who served "with the integrity of his heart and the skillfulness of his hands."

Outstanding investment earnings and generous gifts in 1997 allowed trustees to enhance the quality of life for our annuitants and Relief recipients. Effective Jan. 1, 1998, nearly all of the 28,000 annuitants in pay status received a permanent 10% increase in benefits. Relief benefits rose to $200 per month for individuals and $265 per month for couples. The Adopt An Annuitant benefit was raised 50% from $50 to $75 each month.

The Church Annuity Plan is the retirement plan designed for pastors, other ministers and eligible employees. It is administered by the Annuity Board in partnership with state conventions.

In 1997, the Annuity Board paid over $300 million in retirement benefits, withdrawals and Relief to Southern Baptist church and institutional employees. Unfortunately, nearly 10,000 retired ministers or their widows received no more than $200 a month in benefits. The Annuity Board and state annuity representatives make vigorous educational and promotional efforts to encourage adequate contributions to individual accounts in the Church Annuity Plan and Convention Annuity Plan. But we are reminded by Jesus that the poor always will be with us. These dear servants of yesterday must not be forgotten while we prepare for the tomorrows of current ministers and other staff members.

The Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program provides more than $1 million annually that is distributed in Relief payments to some 700 couples or individuals in desperate financial need. The Annuity Board adds an equal amount from the Retired Ministers' Support fund, and another $2.5 million in Adopt An Annuitant benefits. Every cent given for Relief

or Adopt An Annuitant finds its way to a needy person or couple. We are dependent on direct gifts from concerned individuals and groups to provide about $3 in addition to each Cooperative Program dollar received. No Cooperative Program money is used for Annuity Board operations.

The Annuity Board paid more than $105 million in insurance benefits last year, preventing financial disasters to persons and families stricken with illness, disability, accident or death.

**Baptist State Convention of North Carolina statistics As of May 31, 1998:**

- Number of active participants in the Church Annuity Plan: **3,997**
- Percentage of churches active in the Church Annuity Plan: **59%**
- Number of persons receiving retirement benefits: **2,703 (June 30)**
- Number helped by the Adopt An Annuitant and Relief ministries: **369 (June 30)**

If you want more information about Annuity Board products and services, call us toll-free at **1-800-262-0511, or call your Baptist state annuity representative.** We want to serve you.

Annuity Board of the
Southern Baptist Convention
P.O. Box 2190
Dallas, Texas 75221-2190

Rev. Don Coley, Representative

## BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NC
## 1998 BOOK OF REPORTS

Her voice steady and quite, Christy delivers her personal story like a letter dropped into an anonymous mailbox at a shuttered house on a nameless street.

Her grandparents' murder had unleashed memories of her own abuse. Family members encouraged her to leave her home and repeatedly told her she was worthless.

"I've had a rough life," she says. "I've been through about anything I can possible go through."

Christy admits carrying a short fuse and outbursts, physical abuse and a dangerous living situation brought her to Mills Home in November 1997.

She continues her quiet story about coming to Mills Home, about doing well in school, and tutoring two residents in Alumni Cottage. She's glad she can help, because "learning comes easy to me, and I want to help someone if I can."

Julie, her first child care worker at Mills Home, became a real friend who "helped me turn my life around," Christy says, her face at last beginning to brighten. "She was there for me when I needed somebody. My parents weren't there. Nobody wanted me. It was fun being around Julie. She showed me she cared about me and that I could be loved."

*She Didn't Plan to See 16*

Julie couldn't realize how important her friendship was, or how close Christy came to giving up. Christy admits to two suicide attempts, and believed she would never see age 16.

"I used to dread getting up," she said. "I didn't know if I would get my mouth busted or my arm broke."

Even now, there are days Christy doesn't want to get out of bed. But she does, and she goes to school and earns mostly "A"s and stars on the varsity basketball team, and tutors other residents in math, and went to New York for a summer basketball tournament and is planning to attend college to study a helping profession.

Now she is planning to live, not planning to die. BCH is giving her opportunities to live for.

Christy's story is repeated hundreds of times each year at BCH. Not all are as dramatic but every one tells of a young person and a family at the end of an unraveling rope.

At four residential campuses, two homes for behaviorally troubled girls, a maternity home, a home for teenage mothers and their babies, therapeutic camping and model day care, 1,560 young people found help in troubled times last year.

During the past year BCH received $1.6 million through the Cooperative Program, and $752,000 through the Thanksgiving Offering. Total church gifts of $3.3 million comprised 18 percent of the nearly $18 million in revenue. Because of a positive investment environment, BCH investments of endowment funds provided 33 percent of revenue.

*Buildings Dedicated*

Two major priorities of the $10.1 million "Light Their Way" Campaign were dedicated: The Winifred Lindsay Education/Administrative Center at Odum Home in Pembroke on Jan. 20, and the John D. and Amelia W. Johnson Cottage at Mills Home on May 12.

U.S. Congressman Mike McIntyre, co-chair of the Congressional Task Force for Responsible Fatherhood, spoke at the dedication of the Lindsay Center. He said BCH has the "purpose, people and passion" to successfully help children and families turn their lives around."

"When we reach out to our children we're making the best investment for tomorrow we could ever make for our country," he said.

Winifred Lee Herbert Lindsay, for whom the Lindsay Center is named, died Nov. 21, 1997.

Primary funds for building Johnson Cottage were given by Phil and Sharon Drake, of Franklin, in memory of Sharon's father and in honor of her mother, a BCH trustee.

"God has given me more than I deserve," Drake said in a brief, emotional address at the dedication. He said giving money to build the cottage was the "easy part" compared to the cottage worker's task of making a difference in children's lives.

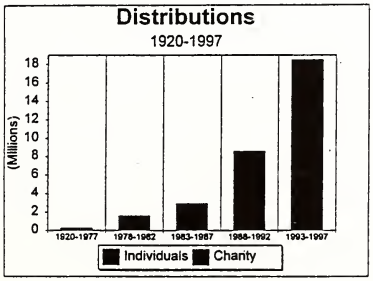
Michael C. Blackwell celebrated his 15th anniversary as president of BCH on July 1, 1998.

The video, "A Long Walk Home" is available to promote the 1998 Thanksgiving Offering, which has a statewide goal of $800,000, the largest ever.

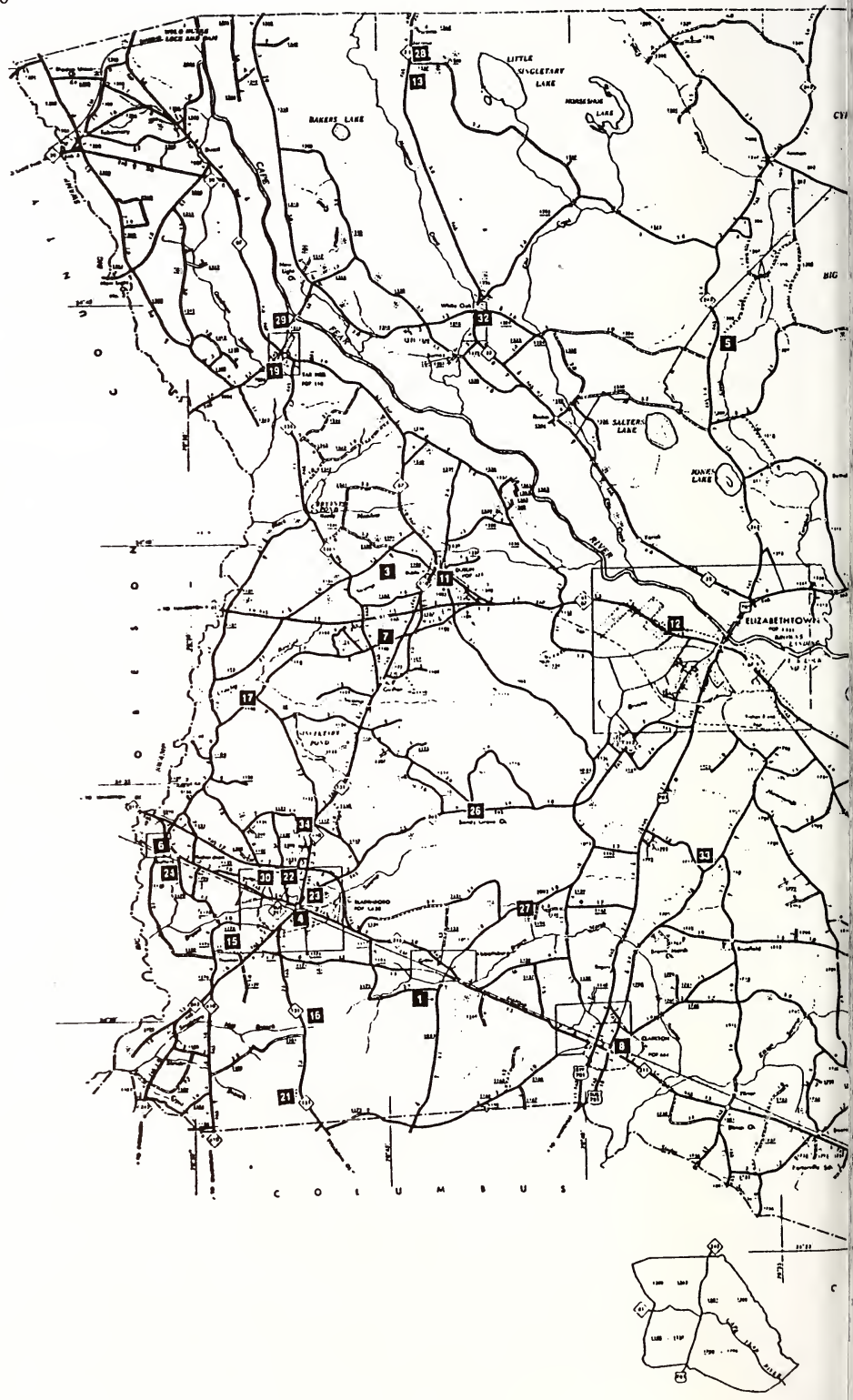
Wherever children are hurting and families are strained, BCH strives to heal. To secure a video, or a speaker for your church or civic group, or to access services, call **(800) 476-3669.**

Sybil Stewart, Trustee Chair
Michael C. Blackwell, President

## THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC. 1997 ANNUAL REPORT




The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in generating endowment to enhance their permanent financial support. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by


LITTLE SINGLETARY LAKE
BAKERS LAKE
SALTERS LAKE
JONES LAKE
ELIZABETHTOWN
COLUMBUS

## Churches of The Bladen Baptist Associaton

1. ABBOTTSBURG
2. BEARDS CHAPEL
3. BETHEL
4. BLADENBORO, FIRST
5. BRIAR BRANCH
6. BUTTERS
7. CENTER ROAD
8. CLARKTON, FIRST
9. COUNCIL
10. CYPRESS CREEK
11. DUBLIN, FIRST
12. ELIZABETHTOWN
13. FAITH
14. FRIENDSHIP
15. GALEED
16. GRACE
17. HICKORY GROVE
18. LISBON
19. LOVE GROVE
20. NATMOORE
21. NEW CENTER
22. NORTHSIDE
23. PEACE
24. RICHARDSON
25. RIVERSIDE
26. SANDY GROVE
27. SHADY GROVE
28. SUGGS GROVE
29. TAR HEEL
30. WEST BLADENBORO
31. WHITE LAKE
32. WHITE OAK
33. WHITES CREEK
34. ZION HILL

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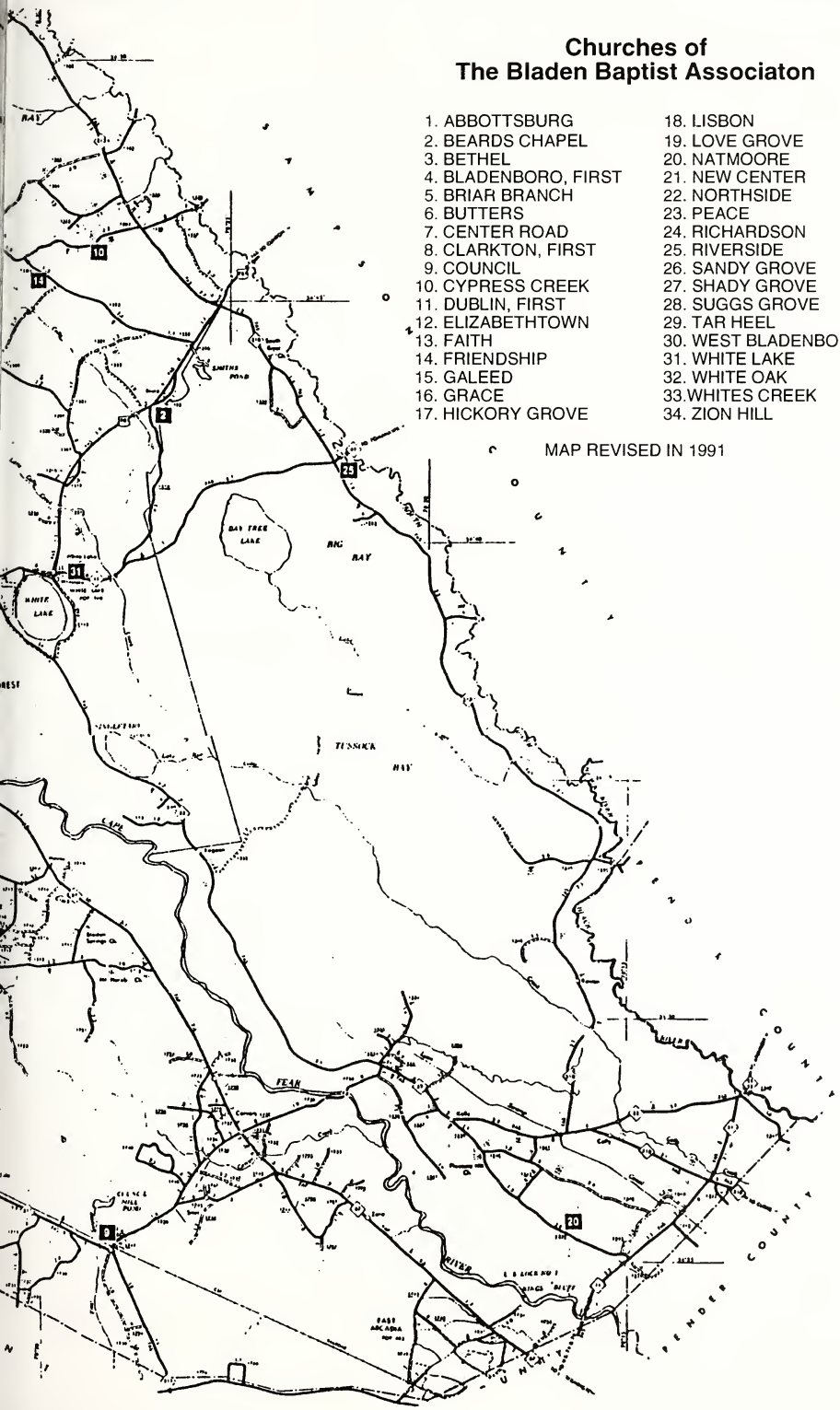

the institutions and General Board staff merits increased individual collective financial support. The Baptist Foundation is committed to assisting individual church members through creative stewardship methods to provide permanent financial undergirding of these ministries.

As of December 31, 1997, the Foundation held $72,432,412 under management. In 1997, $3,473,850 was distributed to Baptist work and $1,542,473 was distributed to individuals for a total distribution of $5,016,323.

The income distributions for the entire 78-year history of the N.C. Baptist Foundation totals: $12,475,237 income paid to individuals and $19,533,109 to Baptist churches, institutions, and mission causes for a grand historical total of $32,008,346.

C. Addison Trice, Jr., Chairman of the Board
Dr. M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

## REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS
## Meeting the Challenges of Health Care 1998

### HOSPITAL CELEBRATES 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

In May 1998 the North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated celebrated 75 years of service to the community and the region. During these years the hospital has been faithful to the vision of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention when the hospital was birthed: to extend the healing ministry which was demonstrated by Jesus Christ. Many challenges have been faced through these years, but the commitment to compassionately strive for innovative excellence has remained the same.

**Baptist Benevolent Care Fund**

Baptist Churches from all across North Carolina joined us in mutual mission through the Mother's Day Offering. This annual ingathering of love was approved by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in 1924. In 1997 the MDO amounted to $500,747. It was used exclusively to help patients who had little or no health care insurance or no other financial means to pay their hospital bills. From the offering this past year, well over $200,000 was used to assist members of our Baptist Churches in North Carolina. May God bless all those who supported us with prayers and gave so generously.

**Division of Pastoral Care**

During the year the chaplains and staff of the Pastoral Care Department provide worship services in Davis Memorial Chapel on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday for patients and family members. The Pastoral Care Department staff supervised 64 students during the year and made more than 53,000 ministry contacts.

The Department of Pastoral Counseling, CareNet, Inc. continues to expand its ministries. There are now 13 Christian Counseling centers located in strategic areas across the state. During the year these professionally staffed centers will provide over 26,000 hours of counseling.

The Center for Congregational Health, Inc. continues to expand its mission of helping congregations become healthier communities of faith. **Programs and assistance** offered to churches include: Consultation, Intentional Interim Ministry, and Leadership development. **Resources for ministers** include: Young Leaders Program, Turning Point, Interim Ministry Training, Intentional Interim Ministry training.

**Facts about Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center**

- With more than 10,000 employees, four restaurants, two banks and a post office that handles more mail than some towns, the Medical Center has been called a city-within-a-city.

- The Medical Center successfully proposed to Forsyth County Commissioners to purchase the county's indigent health care clinic, Reynolds Health Center. The Center also serves as a primary care training facility for our medical students and residents. Construction is expected to begin in the spring on a $5 million, state-of-the-art facility.
- Building strong relationships with community hospitals and other academic medical centers was a hallmark of the past year. Hospital and clinical affiliations grew to 22 by December '97.

**Points of Emphasis and Progress**

ALS CENTER - Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center has opened a specialized center to provide coordinated care for patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease. The Medical Center's ALS program is the only center in western North Carolina devoted to ALS patients.

TRAUMA CENTER - The Medical Center has the designated Level I trauma center for northwest North Carolina. In the trauma center our goal is for the patient who needs surgery to be in an operating room 10 minutes after arriving at the Emergency Department. Surgeons, anesthesiologists and staff remain on duty 24 hours a day to handle such emergencies.

TOPS IN RESEARCH - According to a report in the February 1997 issue of *Applied Clinical Trails,* Wake Forest University School of Medicine ranked in the top 10 U.S. clinical research institutions.

RANKED AMONG THE NATION'S BEST - The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated is among the nation's best hospitals in nine of 17 specialties, according to rankings published in the July 1998 issue of *U.S. News & World Report.*

NEW HEART VALVE - Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center is one of the first centers in the country to offer a new "natural" valve replacement to patients with diseased or damaged aortic heart valves. The Freestyle valve was tested extensively in six centers -- including Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center - before being released for general use.

NEWEST TREATMENT FOR EPILEPSY - Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center offers a new treatment for epilepsy -- a "pacemaker for the brain" that can help control seizures in patients who are not helped by medication and are ineligible for surgery.

INFORMATION AND APPOINTMENTS - For more information, contact one of our operators at (336) 716-2011. To make an appointment with a physician, contact HEALTH-ON-CALL® at 1 (800) 446-2255.

**A CLOSING WORD**

Seventy-five years ago the North Carolina Baptist State Convention gave us a directive to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. For three-quarters of a century, we have sought to carry out this ministry of healing with compassion and integrity. Those who come here for care expect outcomes unachievable elsewhere. We must constantly rise to meet and exceed this expectation. Every patient and family member has a right to expect from us excellence in health care, delivered with compassion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Len B. Preslar Jr.
President
The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated

# BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

## Making Life for Older Adults . . . THE BEST OF TIMES

**TREASURES OLD AND NEW**

In concluding a series of parables related to the wise use of God's gifts, Jesus ended with these words, *"Every scribe which is instructed unto the Kingdom of heaven, is like unto a man that is a householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old," Matthew 13:52.*

During this past year God has enriched Baptist Retirement Homes with special treasures.

**TREASURES OLD**

THE TREASURE OF OUR NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FAMILY - Our 500 residents plus all the staff who make up the Baptist Retirement Homes part of the family, say, "Thank You", to the rest of our North Carolina Baptist family.

Thank you for giving so generously through the Cooperative Program and through the North Carolina Offering for Older Adults enabling Baptist Retirement Homes to lead the way for the state of North Carolina in providing benevolent care for Older Adults. Every dollar that comes through these channels is designated to provide care for the "poor elderly."

THE TREASURE OF OUR BAPTIST VOLUNTEERS - These volunteers range from a W.M.U. group that provides regular monthly programs plus special activities such as ice-cream socials at The Taylor House in Albemarle, to a friend who spends hours each week giving manicures at The Hamilton Baptist Home in Hamilton, to a B.S.U. group that provides a weekly program at the Prince Nursing Care Center at the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston Salem, to a preschool day care class that comes twice a month to visit their "grandfriends" at the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville.

**TREASURES NEW**

TAYLOR GLEN RETIREMENT COMMUNITY IN CONCORD - For more than a decade Baptist Retirement Homes has been dreaming with North Carolina Baptists of the Cabarrus / Mecklenburg / Rowan / Stanly area about providing quality residential and health care living opportunities and services to Older Adults. Because of the encouragement given by Baptists of the area, and as a result of the philanthropy of Cabarrus County natives, Carrol and Geneva Taylor, this dream will soon be a reality.

FIVE NEW TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS AT BROOKRIDGE - These apartments are nearing completion as an addition to the Main Building at the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston Salem. Bringing the total number of independent living apartments to 146.

RESIDENTIAL UNITS FOR MEMORY IMPAIRED - Special units for those Older Adults dealing with dementia related conditions such as Alzheimer's Disease, will be developed at the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville and the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston Salem. In Asheville the unit will be created via a significant renovation within the current home. In Winston Salem new construction will be required.

This report is sent with heartfelt gratitude for your prayers, your deeds of kindness and your gifts enabling us to make life for North Carolina Baptist Older Adults . . . ***The Best of Times!***

William B. Stillerman
Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc.

# THE BIBLICAL RECORDER
## Associational Report -- 1998

"A democracy can only survive and flourish as a nation of readers," says Daniel J. Boorstin, a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and former Librarian of Congress.

He is correct! Thomas Jefferson said the purest form of democracy he had ever seen was Baptist churches. We Baptists cherish our soul-liberty, and its corporate corollary--the autonomy of the local church.

But Baptist will never preserve their democratic form of decision-making if they are not properly informed. A democracy demands an informed constituency, whether they like the news or not!

The Biblical Recorder tries to tell the whole story with a focus on the many positive things people are doing in their churches and world missions, along with the crucial issues which cannot be concealed and ignored if we honor our heritage from yesterday and fulfill our mission for tomorrow.

There is no way to address these issues without correct and reliable information. The Biblical Recorder was born and continues to serve for that purpose. In the 165 years of state Baptist papers in North Carolina, never was the Recorder more needed than now for people to have the truth.

Because people are reading less than any time in recent history at the very time there is an increased number of publications and periodicals, the Recorder has kept pace with the state-of-the-art in print media, and entered the world of electronic communications with an attractive and effective Web site. The Web site address is: http://www.biblicalrecorder.org.

The Recorder Web site was officially launched in September 1997. The number of persons using the Web site has grown substantially. Each month there are 15-18,000 hits from around the world, literally--from Asia, Africa, Europe, South America, the Pacific Rim, even Australia! In the United States, people from several states regularly use the Recorder as their source of dependable Baptist information.

The Biblical Recorder should be in every Baptist home in North Carolina. Your support as a subscriber and reader, coupled with your encouragement to others, will enable the paper to better serve the constituency with accurate and helpful information.

In order to save churches large amounts of money and to increase the readership of the Recorder, Church News Service (CNS) was launched in 1990. This system lets any congregation have their church news incorporated into the Biblical Recorder which saves staff time, postage and printing costs. Usually, for less than what it costs to produce the church newsletter, CNS gives the entire Baptist communication package to each family in the congregation.

The paper deliberately focuses more attention on North Carolina Baptists with news, features and inspirational articles which will encourage individuals and churches in their witness and ministry.

That is why the Recorder was born; that is why it serves today. For more information on how your church can subscribe or use CNS, contact:

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# Christian Action League of North Carolina
# ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS
# 1998

It is a joy for the Christian Action League of North Carolina to serve the churches of this great state. We continue to work to inform the Christian community about the moral issues that face our state and nation. Our goal is to address these issues with the principles of God's Word, the cornerstone of all truth.

**A. Christian Values**

- It was the pleasure of the Christian Action League to be one of the sponsors of the Third Annual Christian Heritage Week of North Carolina held March 15-22. The League encouraged schools, churches and communities to recognize, commemorate and learn about the Christian heritage and history of our nation. CAL sponsored a state-wide essay contest for high school students (public, private and home schools) and presented state winners with awards for excellence.
- Continued to promote Christian citizenship throughout the churches and communities of our state. CAL has distributed over 12,000 copies of the Ten Commandments to churches, businesses, schools and homes across North Carolina. Promoted Sanctity of Human Life Sunday and the National Day of Prayer statewide.
- Held a Church Leadership Legislative Day on June 23. The purpose of this day was to have pastors and church leaders to come together and enjoy fellowship, meet and hear some of our legislators and become more aware of how state government and the legislative process works.

**B. Gambling**

Lottery proponents continue in their efforts to bring a state-sponsored lottery to North Carolina. CAL monitors these efforts and updates the Christian community on lottery information through letters, calls and our fax and electronic mail networks. Lawmakers have continued to receive a barrage of communications from across the state saying that the lottery is a bad bet for North Carolina.

**C. Sex Education**

Worked with other Christian and pro-family groups to see that the state mandate for Abstinence Until Marriage education is implemented state-wide. Also, supported efforts to insure that federal grant money designated to promote abstinence education was used properly. Informed citizens and legislators concerning attempts to fund school-based clinics in North Carolina schools.

**D Abortion**

CAL promoted HB 303 (Ban Partial Birth Abortion), HB 536 (Woman's Right to Know before Abortion) and HB 594 (Fetus Death from Criminal Act). We also encouraged lawmakers to maintain funding reductions and restrictions on the state abortion fund. These actions have resulted in only two qualifying abortions being paid with taxpayer funds in the last two years.

**E. Alcohol**

CAL monitored all legislation concerning alcohol and other drugs. Successfully supported efforts to strengthen DWI laws. Assisted communities in organizing committees to fight alcohol and drug use. Worked to defeat legislation that would have approved alcohol sales without the vote of the people. Provided awareness, education and resource materials related to substance abuse problems to churches, communities, etc.
CAL will host a national conference in September of the American Council on Alcohol Problems.

**F. Pornography**

Promoted and saw ratified SB 452-Local Regulation of Adult Establishments. This legislation gives more authority to local communities to regulate and control adult entertainment establishments.

**G. Homosexuality**

CAL supports efforts to strengthen the traditional family and continues to monitor and inform the public about the activities of those who promote the radical homosexual agenda. Successfully lobbied against legislation that would have made homosexuality legal in North Carolina. Offered the video "On Wings Like Eagles", the testimony of deliverance from homosexuality by Michael Johnston of Kerruso Ministries.

For A Better North Carolina,
Reverend Johnny R. Henderson
Executive Director

Joe S. Lennon
President

## COUNCIL ON CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION
## Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

*Chowan College - 1848, Campbell University - 1887,*
*Gardner-Webb University - 1905, Mars Hill College - 1856, Meredith College - 1891*
*Wake Forest University - 1834, Wingate University - 1896*

The Council on Christian Higher Education was founded by the Convention in 1944. It was established to assist colleges and churches within the Convention. The Council does not exercise any authority over the Baptist colleges. The competent leadership of trustees, administrators, and faculty guide them as they fulfill their missions. It does, however, study and recommend to the General Board in matters related to Baptist colleges and the Baptist State Convention.

Four men have led the Council as its Executive Director. Claude Gaddy served as the Council's founding leader. Harold Cole served briefly. Ben Fisher Succeeded him. T. Robert Mullinax joined the Council in 1971. Mullinax retired this year from the post he has faithfully guided for 27 years.

The Council and Executive Committee of the General Board invited Wayne D. Wike to become the Council's fifth leader. Wike comes to his post from the pastorate. He has served four North Carolina churches as pastor.

He and his wife, Debbie, are alumni of Gardner-Webb University. In addition, he is a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Union Theological Seminary.

Wike has already served North Carolina Baptist in a number of ways. He served on the Committee on Committees, Chaired the Committee on Nominations, and Chaired the General Board Membership Study Committee.

Council members have greatly assisted each one of these leaders through the years. The college presidents, provosts, and chairmen of Boards of Trustees, along with an equal number of General Board members, serve as members of the Council.

The strength of the Council lies in its voluntary concept of community rather than competition. The Council has proven to be a mediating influence in relating the colleges to each other, to the church, and to the Convention.

The Council is currently involved in strategy planning, It is seeking to prepare for the new millennium. The future holds great promise. The Council and its member colleges want to be prepared for it. The Baptist churches in North Carolina will benefit as a result.

# INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD
## Missions Ministry Informative Bullentin
### A Ministry of Creative Access Networks
Bill Morgan, Director/Editor

**WELCOME TO THE FIRST CHURCHES IN THE IMB'S NEWEST NETWORK OF CHURCHES: GLOBAL PRIORITY CHURCHES (as of 7/20/98) Total Number 59**

**ALABAMA:** Morningview, Montgomery; First, Muscle Shoals
**ARKANSAS:** First, Little Rock
**CALIFORNIA:** Hillcrest, Richmond
**COLORADO:** Riverside, Denver
**FLORIDA:** First, Winter Park; Seminole Heights, Tampa; First, Ft. Lauderdale; Westside, Gainesville; Idlewild, Tampa; First Bandon
**GEORGIA:** Peachtree Corners, Norcross; First, Jonesboro; First, Fayetteville: First, Woodstock
**ILLINOIS:** First, Litchfield
**KENTUCKY:** Little Flock, Shepherdsville
**MISSOURI:** South County, St. Louis; First, Ellisville; First, St. Charles; Pleasant Valley, Liberty; First, Washington
**MONTANA:** Red Lodge, Red Lodge
**NEW JERSEY:** Global Mission Church, Rutherford
**NEW YORK:** Emmanuel, Potsdam
**NORTH CAROLINA:** Hickory Grove, Charlotte; Wake Cross Roads, Raleigh; First, Indian Trail
**OKLAHOMA:** Council Road, Oklahoma City; First Southern, Del City; First, Moore; Berry Road, Norman; First, Broken Arrow
**SOUTH CAROLINA:** East Cooper, Mt. Pleasant
**TENNESSEE:** Broadmoor, Memphis; Briarwood, Cordova; First, Morristown; Calvary, Erwin; Kirby Woods, Memphis; Westside, Halls; Long Hollow and Bluegrass, Hendersonville; Broadway, Maryville; First, Franklin
**TEXAS:** First, Midland; First, Dumas; Southcrest, Lubbock; Birchman, Travis Avenue, North Richland Hills; Ft. Worth; First, Beaumont First, Pearland; Casa View, Dallas; Fairview, Greenville; First, Early; Second, Pasadena; Forest Cove, Kingwood
**VIRGINIA:** Grove Avenue, Richmond; Kingsland, Bethany Place Richmond; Rainbow Forest, Troutville
Information: Contact bill.morgan@imb.org write or call 1-900-999-3113 ext 1509

In the largest such appointment service ever, 114 new Journeymen were appointed on July 19 in Richmond. Added to the 53 already sent out this year, the IMB has reached a record number of 167 Journeymen. More than one-fourth of these university-trained young people will serve in World A areas of the world.

On July 21, fifty-three new career missionaries were appointed in Richmond. Indications are that 1998 will be another record year in missionary appointments. While we praise God for these new ambassadors for Christ, we recognize that hundreds of requests go unfilled each year. Will you pray?

Phillip Workman, 46-year-old IMB missionary to **ECUADOR** died in his sleep on June 20 in Quito. A native of Illinois, Workman was appointed as a church planter in 1995 after ten years of service with the Home Mission Board. He leaves his wife, Sylvia and two children, David, 14 and Sarah, 9.

In Barreiras, **BRAZIL,** IMB missionary Danny Callis reports that the first results of evangelism, Jesus film showing and Bible distribution yielded 326 conversions. A larger team of 46 workers expects many more results.

**AS YOU PRAY . . .**

Remember efforts to show the Jesus film to everyone in SUDAN by the year 2,000. There were 3,350 showings last year with an estimated 9 million people in attendance. Seven thousand Christian groups distribute gospels and witness.

Intercede for more than 19 million Muslim Arabs of **SAUDI ARABIA** where the Christian faith is forbidden. Police seek out secret worship services and jail believers. Pray for a great movement of God's Spirit among the Saudis.

**THE PERSECUTED CHURCH:**

Thirteen Christians have been sent to prison and three Americans were kicked out of **LAOS** recently. One pastor was locked in a bamboo cage becuase the wife of a local official watched the Jesus film. He preached Jesus from the cage.

Catholic, Anglican and Bapitst church buildings were attacked and damaged by Muslim extremists in Dhaka, **BANGLADESH.** Thirty-four mob members were arrested.

A Muslim sheik who became a Christian in 1995 was arrested in Khartoum, **SUDAN.** He was charged with apostasy and if convicted, could face death. Ask God to spare Al-Fakui and strengthen his family . May God use this for His glory!

Five pastors have been killed since February in **CHAD** and church buildings have been burned. Islam has been delcared there as the only path to peach. May the true Prince of Peace become known and may believers have His wisdom.

The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church will be observed Nov. 15. A promotional kit may be obtained by accessing the website at www.persecutedchurch.org or by calling 847-718-0560.

**LOOK WHAT GOD IS DOING:**

Some of the following items were taken from "Advance!" available free. <subscribe Advance-newsletter> to <hub@xc.org>.)

More than a thousand students attending Gofest '98 in **NIGERIA** committed themselves to missionary service recently. The conference emphasized reaching the Muslim world.

After about 9,000 Liberians watched the Jesus film in a refugee camp, 6,326 made decisions for Christ. Included were 486 Muslims.

Five churches were started in **ETHIOPIA** as the result of the healing of a woman who had given all to witch doctors after a missionary prayed for her. Five witch doctors who saw the healing and 500 of their followers were also saved.

Of the 911 students who registered for an adult literacy course in **CAMBODIA,** 727 professed faith in Jesus. May God strengthen these new believers in faith.

An evangelistic crusade in New Delhi, **INDIA** register more than 30,000 decision for Christ, in spite of restrictive security measures. Many millions of Indians need to hear the good news!

A total of 2,231 people from 25 people groups were baptized in one day in Chennia, **INDIA**, probably the largest number ever baptized in one day there.

# In Memorial

**ABBOTTSBURG**
Mrs. Neal Bowen
Mr. Milton Owens, Deacon

**BEARDS CHAPEL**
Mr. Edson Clemon Barnes
Mr. Wilbert W. Barnes
Mrs. Nettie Smith Norris
Mr. Cephas F. Smith
Mrs. Dorothy Mae Smith

**BETHEL**
Mr. Curtis Brisson
Mr. Clinton Butler
Mr. Robert Kinlaw, Deacon
Mr. A.G. Roberts, Deacon

**BLADENBORO, FIRST**
Mr. Herbert L. Bridger
Mr. Alton R. Davis
Mrs. Sarah C. Fletcher
Mr. Charles B. Hasbrouck
Mrs. Clarine Packer
Mr. Ernest Parnell
Mrs. Eva Russ
Mrs. Martha T. Shaw

**BRIAR BRANCH**
Ms. Berline Culbreth
Ms. Annie McDuffie

**BUTTERS**
Mrs. Gladys Blackmon
Mrs. Lannie Rising
Mr. Paul Singletary
Mr. Billy Williams

**CENTER ROAD**
Mrs. Gladys Long
Mr. Ira Nuby Pait
Mrs. Mary Lee Smoakes

**CLARKTON, FIRST**
Mr. Willie H. Blackburn, Deacon
Mr. Everette Byrd
Mrs. Bertha Callahan
Mrs. Annie Ruth Hardgraves
Mrs. Margie Lewis
Mr. Harry Lee Meggs
Mrs. Sylvia Yarborough

**COUNCIL**
Mrs. Viola Oakler

**CYPRESS CREEK**
Mrs. Blanch Davis
Miss Elise Hilton
Mr. Alba D. Johnson
Mr. Keith Johnson, Deacon

**DUBLIN**
Mrs. Eva W. Bullard
Mrs. Iris W. Taylor

**ELIZABETHTOWN**
Mr. Robert Austin
Mrs. Viola Duncan
Mrs. Florence Gilchirst
Mrs. Lois Huggins
Mr. Robert Huggins
Mrs. Gladys Priest
Mr. Brode Thaggard

**FAITH**
Mrs. Roerna Edge
Mr. Dennis Edge, Deacon

**FRIENDSHIP**
Mr. Marion Peterson

**GALEED**
Mrs. Esther R. Brisson
Mrs. Margaret B. McLaughlin
Mr. Julian P. Smith
Mrs. Grace S. Thompson
Mr. Wilton G. Ward, Deacon
Mrs. Josephine T. Williams

**HICKORY GROVE**
Mrs. Viola Durden
Mrs. Ruby Hester
Mr. James Rising

**NORTHSIDE**
Mr. Wilton Thompson
Mr. Grover Tilley
Mr. McKinley Yarbrough, Deacon

**RICHARDSON**
Mrs. Christine A. Davis
Mr. Isaac "Ike" Singletary

**SANDY GROVE**
Mr. Crofton Kinlaw

**SUGGS GROVE**
Mrs. Alice G. Smith

**TAR HEEL**
Mr. Wilton Barnes
Mr. Larson Taylor

**WEST BLADENBORO**
Mr. Harry Edwards
Mr. George Merritt
Mr. E.G. Norton, Deacon

**WHITE LAKE**
Mrs. Elaine Woodlief

**WHITE OAK**
Mr. Milton Bryan
Mr. Rodney Bryan
Mr. George Coble
Mr. Luther Evans
Mr. Eddie Smith

**WHITES CREEK**
Mrs. Dottie Collins
Mrs. Irene Harrelson
Mr. Lennie Harrelson

**ZION HILL**
Mrs. Isabelle Burney
Mr. Jack Coleman
Mrs. Jane Smith

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# GIFTS FOR BUDGET
# YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 1998

| | YEAR-TO-DATE |
|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG | 2,835.29 |
| BEARD'S CHAPEL | 600.00 |
| BETHEL | 2,124.90 |
| BLADENBORO, FIRST | 7,200.00 |
| BRIAR BRANCH | 450.00 |
| BUTTERS | 1,800.00 |
| CENTER ROAD | 3,791.56 |
| CLARKTON, FIRST | 3,815.82 |
| COUNCIL | 1,200.00 |
| CYPRESS CREEK | 1,754.69 |
| DUBLIN, FIRST | 2,988.00 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | 8,000.00 |
| FAITH | 837.66 |
| FRIENDSHIP | 2,450.60 |
| GALEED | 6,500.00 |
| GRACE | 387.87 |
| HICKORY GROVE | 1,350.00 |
| LISBON | 1,510.75 |
| LOVE GROVE | 300.00 |
| NATMOORE | 200.00 |
| NEW CENTER | 200.00 |
| NORTHSIDE | 2,231.28 |
| PEACE | 0.00 |
| RICHARDSON | 700.00 |
| RIVERSIDE | 2,500.00 |
| SANDY GROVE | 2,960.00 |
| SHADY GROVE | 2,400.00 |
| SUGGS GROVE | 1,800.00 |
| TAR HEEL | 3,942.86 |
| WEST BLADENBORO | 1,533.36 |
| WHITE LAKE | 2,338.25 |
| WHITE OAK | 1,800.00 |
| WHITE'S CREEK | 1,643.11 |
| ZION HILL | 2,800.00 |
| **TOTAL CHURCH GIFTS** | **76,946.00** |
| HISPANIC (MISSION) | 766.95 |
| INDIVI. GIFTS | 0.00 |
| WMU THRIFT SHOP | 8,000.00 |
| WHITE LAKE PRISON | 0.00 |
| STATE CONVENTION | 1,123.65 |
| REIMBURSE COPIES | 0.00 |
| NC SALES TAX REFUND | 726.55 |
| SEMINARY EXTENSION | 0.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 1,937.61 |
| ANNUALS | 0.00 |
| UKRAINE GIFTS | 0.00 |
| | **89,500.76** |

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# BUDGET SUMMARY FOR
# YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 1998

| BUDGET ITEM | | AMOUNT | YR-DATE | ITEM BAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **100** | **EDUCATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL MINISTRIES** | | | |
| 101 | Sunday School | 800.00 | 801.69 | -1.69 |
| 102 | Discipleship Trng. | 600.00 | 191.07 | 408.93 |
| 103 | Brotherhood | 800.00 | 265.79 | 534.21 |
| 104 | W.M.U. | 1,400.00 | 344.38 | 1,055.62 |
| 105 | Missions Development | 300.00 | 250.00 | 50.00 |
| 106 | Music | 300.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 |
| 107 | Evangelism | 1,000.00 | 904.56 | 95.44 |
| 108 | Pastoral Care | 500.00 | 150.90 | 349.10 |
| 109 | Audio Visuals | 400.00 | 127.38 | 272.62 |
| 110 | Associational Admin. | 200.00 | 145.59 | 54.41 |
| 111 | Seminary Extension | 300.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 |
| 112 | Special Training | 250.00 | 183.64 | 66.36 |
| 113 | Local Missions | 500.00 | 55.81 | 444.19 |
| 114 | Youth Ministry | 600.00 | 0.00 | 600.00 |
| **200** | **ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES** | | | |
| 201 | Postage | 1,500.00 | 1,514.13 | -14.14 |
| 202 | Office Supplies | 3,000.00 | 2,839.91 | 160.09 |
| 203 | Equipment & Maint. | 1,200.00 | 1,525.74 | -325.74 |
| 204 | Utilities | 3,000.00 | 3,344.26 | -344.26 |
| 205 | Bldg. & Grounds | 2,000.00 | 3,958.50 | -1.958.50 |
| 206 | Insurance | 1,400.00 | 1,379.00 | 21.00 |
| 207 | Books & Literature | 300.00 | 310.75 | -10.75 |
| 208 | Ser. Min. Car, Travel | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 |
| 209 | Convention & Assemb. | 1,000.00 | 387.10 | 612.90 |
| 210 | Annuity (Retirement) | 7,145.00 | 7,144.92 | 0.08 |
| 211 | F.I.C.A. (DOM) | 5,186.02 | 5,186.02 | 0.00 |
| 212 | F.I.C.A. (Secretary) | 1,011.44 | 768.24 | 243.20 |
| 213 | Housing & Util. DOM | 11,884.00 | 11,884.00 | 0.00 |
| 214 | Medical Spend. Fund | 1,500.00 | 1,411.39 | 88.61 |
| 215 | Annuals | 500.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| **300** | **SALARIES** | | | |
| 301 | DOM Salary | 17,757.00 | 17,757.00 | 0.00 |
| 302 | Secretary Salary | 13,221.00 | 10.436.01 | 2,784.99 |
| 303 | Clerk | 908.54 | 908.54 | 0.00 |
| **400** | **MISCELLANEOUS** | | | |
| 401 | Emergency | 250.00 | 101.06 | 148.94 |
| 402 | Christmas Gift DOM | 250.00 | 250.00 | 0.00 |
| 403 | Contingency | 200.00 | 200.00 | 0.00 |
| **500** | **HISPANIC MINISTRY** | | | |
| 501 | Hispanic Ministry | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 | 0.00 |
| | **TOTALS** | **92,163.00** | **86,227.39** | **5,935.61** |

**YEAR ACCOUNT SUMMARY**

| ACCOUNT | BAL | RECEIPTS | TOTAL CSH | EXPENSES | END BAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Budget | 54,142.91 | 89,500.76 | 143,643.67 | 86,227.39 | 57,416.28 |
| Contingency Fund | 3,205.52 | 0.00 | 3,205.52 | 0.00 | 3,205.52 |
| Federal Taxes | 0.00 | 2,201.00 | 2,201.00 | 2,201.00 | 0.00 |
| F.I.C.A. | 0.00 | 768.39 | 768.39 | 768.39 | 0.00 |
| State Taxes | 0.00 | 1,074.42 | 1,074.42 | 1,074.42 | 0.00 |
| Leisure Ministry | 0.00 | 1,799.96 | 1,799.96 | 1,230.72 | 569.24 |
| Miscellaneous | 0.00 | 310.72 | 310.72 | 0.00 | 310.72 |
| Annuals 1998 | 0.00 | 261.00 | 261.00 | 0.00 | 261.00 |
| White Lake Prison | 0.00 | 770.00 | 770.00 | 470.00 | 300.00 |
| Ukraine Scholarship | 7,082.66 | 6,534.00 | 13,616.66 | 4,955.32 | 8,661.34 |
| N. Korea Famine Proj. | 0.00 | 2,002.75 | 2,002.75 | 2,002.75 | 0.00 |
| Hispanic Mission | 219.19 | 0.00 | 219.19 | 219.19 | 0.00 |
| Evangelism 1998 | 0.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 | 0.00 |
| 1997 Annuals | 150.00 | 1,030.00 | 1,180.00 | 977.22 | 202.78 |
| **TOTALS** | **64,800.28** | **106,653.00** | **171,453.28** | **100,526.40** | **70,926.88** |

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# TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR
# YEAR ENDING 1998

| CHURCHES | YEAR'S RECEIPTS |
|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG | 2,895.29 |
| BEARD'S CHAPEL | 672.00 |
| BETHEL | 3,380.90 |
| BLADENBORO, FIRST | 7,386.00 |
| BRIAR BRANCH | 550.00 |
| BUTTERS | 1,830.00 |
| CENTER ROAD | 3,911.56 |
| CLARKTON, FIRST | 4,141.82 |
| COUNCIL | 1,212.00 |
| CYPRESS CREEK | 1,775.69 |
| DUBLIN, FIRST | 4,056.00 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | 8,024.00 |
| FAITH | 843.66 |
| FRIENDSHIP | 2,570.35 |
| GALEED | 6,581.50 |
| GRACE | 387.87 |
| HICKORY GROVE | 1,635.84 |
| LISBON | 1,582.75 |
| LOVE GROVE | 342.00 |
| NATMOORE | 200.00 |
| NEW CENTER | 354.00 |
| NORTHSIDE | 3,391.28 |
| PEACE | 0.00 |
| RICHARDSON | 718.00 |
| RIVERSIDE | 2,572.00 |
| SANDY GROVE | 3,222.02 |
| SHADY GROVE | 2,460.00 |
| SUGGS GROVE | 1,842.00 |
| TAR HEEL | 3,960.86 |
| WEST BLADENBORO | 1,587.36 |
| WHITE LAKE | 2,410.81 |
| WHITE OAK | 1,848.00 |
| WHITES CREEK | 1,655.11 |
| ZION HILL | 3,111.68 |
| **TOTAL CHURCH GIFTS** | **83,112.35** |
| HISPANIC (MISSION) | 766.95 |
| INDIVIDUAL GIFTS | 1,126.00 |
| WMU THRIFT SHOP | 8,000.00 |
| WHITE LAKE PRISON | 550.00 |
| STATE CONVENTION | 1,123.65 |
| REIMBURSE COPIES | 0.00 |
| NC SALES TAX REFUND | 726.55 |
| SEMINARY EXTENSION | 0.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 4,203.69 |
| ANNUALS | 0.00 |
| UKRAINE GIFTS | 3,000.00 |
| **TOTAL INCOME** | **102,609.19** |

# ROLL CALL OF THE CHURCHES
# HISPANIC PROJECT - 1998

| CHURCHES | CONTRIBUTIONS 1997 | CONTRIBUTIONS 1998 |
|---|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG | -0- | 200.00 |
| BEARDS CHAPEL | 575.00 | 1,100.00 |
| BETHEL | 800.00 | 1,000.00 |
| VBS | | 429.45 |
| BLADENBORO, FIRST | 800.00 | 1,700.00 |
| PHILATHEA & MARY IDA BRIDGER SS CLASS | | 125.00 |
| BRIAR BRANCH | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| HISPANIC MISSION | | 1,500.00 |
| BUTTERS | | 1,000.00 |
| CENTER ROAD | 1,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| BROTHERHOOD | | 1,000.00 |
| VBS | | 545.06 |
| CLARKTON, FIRST | 725.00 | 1,011.00 |
| COMMUNITY MISSION-DISBANDED | 4,404.57 | |
| COUNCIL | 115.00 | -0- |
| CYPRESS CREEK | -0- | -0- |
| DUBLIN, FIRST | 1,217.60 | 1,500.00 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | -0- | 7,176.50 |
| B.F. ROLLINS SS CLASS | 1,000.00 | |
| FAITH | -0- | 300.00 |
| FRIENDSHIP | 309.30 | 1,010.50 |
| GALEED | 1,600.55 | 7,570.55 |
| GRACE | -0- | -0- |
| HICKORY GROVE | 1,000.00 | 9,000.00 |
| LISBON | -0- | 1,000.00 |
| LOVE GROVE | 800.00 | -0- |
| NATMOORE | -0- | -0- |
| NEW CENTER | 800.00 | 422.00 |
| NORTHSIDE | 1,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| RICHARDSON | -0- | -0- |
| RIVERSIDE | 1,200.00 | -0- |
| SANDY GROVE | -0- | 1,000.00 |
| VBS | -0- | 153.98 |
| SHADY GROVE | 800.00 | 1,030.00 |
| SUGGS GROVE | -0- | -0- |
| TAR HEEL | 877.00 | 1,003.00 |
| WEST BLADENBORO | 250.00 | -0- |
| WHITE LAKE | 1,100.00 | 547.28 |
| VBS | | 203.00 |
| WHITE OAK | 1,826.00 | 1,200.00 |
| VBS | | 81.29 |
| WHITES CREEK | 700.25 | 1,400.00 |
| ZION HILL | 1,010.00 | 1,820.00 |
| CARRIED OVER FROM 1997 BUDGET: | | |
| BROTHERHOOD | 530.05 | |
| LOCAL MISSIONS | 500.00 | |
| HISPANIC FUND | 500.00 | |
| STATE MISSIONS | 1,855.79 | |
| SALES TAX | 1,069.18 | |
| CARRIED OVER FROM 1996 PROJECT: | 840.69 | |
| SUPERIOR LAND & TIMBER (TIMBER FROM LOT) | | 751.65 |
| WMU THRIFT STORE | | 1,000.00 |
| WILMA WHITE | | 100.00 |
| NANCY HESTER | | 50.00 |
| MACK & ELLA R. ROBERTS | | 100.00 |
| CLIFFDALE MINI STORAGE, INC., MR. ELWOOD CAIN | | 1,000.00 |
| WHITE LAKE RESORT MINISTRY | | 1,000.00 |
| SINGLETARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | | 400.00 |
| DAVID CLARK | | 1,000.00 |
| **TOTALS** | **$30,205.98** | **$59,430.26** |

**GRAND TOTALS 1997 & 1998:** **$89,636.24**
**PAID OUT THRU DECEMBER:** **$73,305.12**
**TOTAL:** **$16,331.12** **BANK BALANCE 12/31/98**

# 1998/1999 BUDGET
# BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

| | | 1998 BUDGET | 1999 BUDGET |
|---|---|---|---|
| **100** | **EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES** | | |
| 101 | Sunday School | $ 800.00 | $ 800.00 |
| 102 | Discipleship Trng. | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| 103 | Brotherhood | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| 104 | W.M.U. | 1,400.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 105 | Missions Development | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 106 | Music | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 107 | Evangelism | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 108 | Pastoral Care | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 109 | Audio Visual (Media) | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| 110 | Association Administration | 200.00 | 300.00 |
| 111 | Seminary Extension | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 112 | Special Training | 250.00 | 350.00 |
| 113 | Local Missions | 500.00 | 700.00 |
| 114 | Youth Ministry | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| **TOTAL** | | **$ 7,950.00** | **$ 7,950.00** |
| **200** | **ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES** | | |
| 201 | Postage | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 202 | Office Supplies | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| 203 | Office Equipment & Maint. | 1,200.00 | 1,900.00 |
| 204 | Utilities | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| 205 | Bldg. & Grounds Maint. | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| 206 | Insurance | 1,400.00 | 1,400.00 |
| 207 | Books & Literature | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 208 | Services Ministries, Car, Travel | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 209 | Convention & Assemblies | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 210 | Annuity (Retirement) | 7,145.00 | 7,145.00 |
| 211 | SS DOM (Reimbursement) | 5,186.02 | 5,186.02 |
| 212 | Social Security - Secretary | 1,011.44 | 1,011.44 |
| 213 | Housing & Utilities | 11,884.00 | 11,884.00 |
| 214 | Medical Spend. Fund | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 215 | Annuals | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| **TOTAL** | | **$ 45,626.46** | **$ 45,326.46** |
| **300** | **SALARIES** | | |
| 301 | Director of Missions | 17,757.00 | 17,757.00 |
| 302 | Secretary Salary | 13,221.00 | 13,221.00 |
| 303 | Clerk | 908.54 | 908.54 |
| **TOTAL** | | **$ 31,886.54** | **$ 31,886.54** |
| **400** | **MISCELLANEOUS** | | |
| 401 | Emergency | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| 402 | DOM/Sec. Christmas Gift | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| 403 | Contingency | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| **TOTAL** | | **$ 700.00** | **$ 700.00** |
| **500** | **MISSIONS** | | |
| 501 | Hispanic Mission | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 |
| **GRAND TOTAL** | | **$ 92,163.00** | **$ 92,863.00** |

# HISTORICAL TABLE-BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October, 1892, the Cape Fear Associations met at Shady Grove Baptist Church. The Churches of Bladen County were called to a meeting later in October at Browns Creek Baptist Church to discuss the organization of a Bladen County Association. Delegates at the meeting decided to organize. On November 7, 1892, delegates from the churches of Bladen County met at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Lisbon, and organized the Bladen County Baptist Association. In the Historical Table this meeting is designated the First Annual Session.

| Session | Year | Church | Moderator | Clerk | Preacher |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 1892 | Mt. Pleasant | William Brunt | H.B. Register | W.S. Melvin |
| 2. | 1893 | Cypress Creek | William Brunt | H.B. Register | A.J. Broadax |
| 3. | 1894 | Galeed | William Brunt | F.S. Averitt | R.L. Byrd |
| 4. | 1895 | White Oak | William Brunt | F.S. Averitt | William Brisson |
| 5. | 1896 | Hickory Grove | William Brunt | F.S. Averitt | William Brunt |
| 6. | 1897 | Clarkton | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | C.E. Be |
| 7. | 1898 | White Oak | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | I.P. Hedgepeth |
| 8. | 1899 | Frenches Creek | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | E.J. Edwards |
| 9. | 1900 | Mt. Pleasant | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | W.S. Ballard |
| 10. | 1901 | Garland | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | H.C. Dillard |
| 11. | 1902 | Galeed | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | R.L. Byrd |
| 12. | 1903 | White Oak | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | R.L. Byrd |
| 13. | 1904 | Shady Grove | | F.S. Averitt | A.H. Porter |
| 14. | 1905 | White Lake | William Brunt | F.S. Averitt | J.S. Farmer |
| 15. | 1906 | Hickory Grove | R.M. Hilburn | F.S. Averitt | H.B. Humphrey |
| 16. | 1907 | White Oak | R.M. Hilburn | F.S. Averitt | P.T. Britt |
| 17. | 1908 | Abbottsburg | R.M. Hilburn | F.S. Averitt | Livingston Johnson |
| 18. | 1909 | White Lake | R.M. Hilburn | F.S. Averitt | P.O. Meeks |
| 19. | 1910 | Mt. Zion | R.H. Hilburn | F.S. Averitt | A.L. Betts |
| 20. | 1911 | White Oak | W.W. Woodhouse | F.S. Averitt | I.P. Hedgepeth |
| 21. | 1912 | Bethel | W.W. Woodhouse | F.S. Averitt | J.M. Flemming |
| 22. | 1913 | White Oak | W.W. Woodhouse | F.S. Averitt | J.M. Hester |
| 23. | 1914 | Bladenboro | N.A. Layton | F.S. Averitt | Livingston Johnson |
| 24. | 1915 | White Oak | N.A. Layton | F.S. Averitt | R.L. Boyd |
| 25. | 1916 | Bethel | N.A. Layton | F.S. Averitt | J.D. Howell |

| Session | Year | Church | Moderator | Clerk | Preacher |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 26. | 1917 | White Oak | N.A. Layton | F.S. Averitt | R.L. Byrd |
| 27. | 1918 | Elizabethtown | N.A. Layton | F.S. Averitt | R.L. Byrd |
| 28. | 1919 | White Oak | R.E. Powell | F.S. Averitt | R.E. Powell |
| 29. | 1920 | Center Road | R.E. Powell | F.S. Averitt | E.O. Johnson |
| 30. | 1921 | Elizabethtown | R.E. Powell | D.B. Johnson | R.E. Powell |
| 31. | 1922 | Hickory Grove | S.N. Watson | Seth Lewis | S.N. Watson |
| 32. | 1923 | White Oak | W.O. Biggs | Seth Lewis | W.D. Pridgen |
| 33. | 1924 | Galeed | S.N. Watson | Seth Lewis | S.N. Watson |
| 34. | 1925 | Love's Grove | S.N. Watson | Seth Lewis | W.O. Biggs |
| 35. | 1926 | Clarkton | W.O. Biggs | Seth Lewis | S.N. Watson |
| 36. | 1927 | White Oak | R.J. Hester | Seth Lewis | L.E. Dutton |
| 37. | 1928 | Whites Creek | W.D. Pridgen | Seth Lewis | S.N. Watson |
| 38. | 1929 | Bladenboro | W.D. Pridgen | Seth Lewis | W.O. Biggs |
| 39. | 1930 | Clarkton | W.D. Pridgen | Seth Lewis | W.A. Coleman |
| 40. | 1931 | Elizabethtown | W.O. Biggs | Seth Lewis | J.M. Page |
| 41. | 1932 | Hickory Grove | W.O. Biggs | Seth Lewis | R.J. Hall |
| 42. | 1933 | Bethel | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | C.R. Hinton |
| 43. | 1934 | Abbottsburg | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | E.A. Paul |
| 44. | 1935 | White Oak | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | J.C. Hough |
| 45. | 1936 | Tar Heel | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | Joel Johnson |
| 46. | 1937 | Sandy Grove | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | J.M. Page |
| 47. | 1938 | Center Road | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | W.O. Biggs |
| 48. | 1939 | White Lake | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | C.B. Horne |
| 49. | 1940 | Bethel | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | M.O Alexander |
| 50. | 1941 | Zion Hill | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | E.H. Canady |
| 51. | 1942 | Whites Creek | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | R.F. Marshburn |
| 52. | 1943 | Galeed | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | S.R. Goodman |
| 53. | 1944 | Clarkton | W.W. Woodhouse | Seth Lewis | H. Laughridge |
| 54. | 1945 | Hickory Grove | W.W. Woodhouse | Seth Lewis | C.S. Smith |
| 55. | 1946 | Bladenboro | W.W. Woodhouse | Seth Lewis | A.D. Frazier |
| 56. | 1947 | Cypress Creek | W.W. Woodhouse | Seth Lewis | A.P. Stevens |
| 57. | 1948 | Shady Grove | W.W. Woodhouse | Seth Lewis | C.P. Burchett |
| 58. | 1949 | Elizabethtown | W.W. Woodhouse | R.A. Britt | B.W. Howell |
| 59. | 1950 | Lisbon | W.W. Woodhouse | R.A. Britt | John A. Moore |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 60. | 1951 | Center Road | C.D. Brisson | R.A. Brit | J.B. Dasher |
| 61. | 1952 | Love's Grove<br>Clarkton | C.D. Brisson | Leon D. Smith | F.W. Naylor<br>M.M. Turner |
| 62. | 1953 | Dublin First<br>Sandy Grove | Leon D. Smith | John A. Moore | John H. McCrimmon<br>R.W. Walton |
| 63. | 1954 | Sandy Grove<br>Zion Hill | Leon D. Smith | John A. Moore | Mark Owens<br>Joel S. Johnson |
| 64. | 1955 | Bladenboro First<br>Hickory Grove | Leon D. Smith | Mrs. D.J. McDaniel | Dean L. Minton<br>T.H. Lambert |
| 65. | 1956 | Lisbon<br>Center Road | J.H. McCrimmon | Thomas Carroll | Jessie McLamb<br>Vance Tyson |
| 66. | 1957 | Dublin First<br>Shady Grove | Joe A. Campbell | Thomas Carroll | Earl Hales<br>J.C. Shaw |
| 67. | 1958 | Whites Creek<br>Bethel | Thomas A. Wolfe | Thomas Carroll | John H. McCrimmon<br>Joel S. Johnson |
| 68. | 1959 | Elizabethtown<br>Clarkton | E.R. Boyd | Thomas Carroll | Oren Honeycutt<br>Thomas Wolfe |
| 69. | 1960 | Cypress Creek<br>White Oak | Oren Honeycutt | Edd Nye | Thomas Wolfe<br>S.W. Jolly |
| 70 | 1961 | Galeed<br>Butters | Sidney Britt | Edd Nye | Jerry Wallace<br>Gaston Hester |
| 71. | 1962 | Dublin First<br>Riverside | Jerry Wallace | Walter Bryan | R.E. Carter<br>A.P. Stevens |
| 72. | 1963 | Northside<br>White Lake | Jerry Wallace | Walter Bryan | Jennis McLamb<br>Vance Tyson |
| 73. | 1964 | Suggs Grove<br>Sandy Grove | Eugene Gaskins | Walter Bryan | Joe Dempsey<br>L.W. McKeithan |
| 74. | 1965 | Bethel<br>Shady Grove | Eugene Gaskins | Leola G. McDaniel | Thomas Womble<br>Gaston Hester |
| 75. | 1966 | Zion Hill<br>Clarkton | Edd Nye | Leola G. McDaniel | Garland Bordeaux<br>J.O. Royal |
| 76. | 1967 | Bladenboro First<br>Whites Creek | Edd Nye | Leola G. McDaniel | Nathan C. Brooks<br>James C. Ray |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 77. | 1968 | Elizabethtown<br>Tar Heel | S.W. Jolly | Othella S. Heflin | O.L. Sherrill<br>Eddie Raynolds |
| 78. | 1969 | Center Road<br>Whites Creek | Thomas Womble | Othella S. Heflin | Perry Crouch<br>C.E. Brisson |
| 79. | 1970 | Hickory Grove<br>Beards Chapel | Porter Cain | Othella S. Heflin | Eual Lawson<br>Nash Odom |
| 80. | 1971 | Butters<br>White Lake | Nash Odom | Ruth W. Prince | R. Tom Green<br>Eugene Gaskins |
| 81. | 1972 | Abbottsburg<br>Galeed | Nash Odom | Ruth W. Prince | Joe Watterson<br>L.L.Barnes |
| 82. | 1973 | Dublin First<br>Suggs Grove | S.W. Jolly | Ruth W. Prince | Perry Crouch<br>Alfred N. Honeycutt |
| 83. | 1974 | Sandy Grove<br>Bethel | S.W. Jolly | Ruth W. Prince | Jimmy Morris<br>Robert Byrd |
| 84. | 1975 | West Bladenboro<br>Cypress Creek | J.C. Ray | Ruth W. Prince | J.N. Evans<br>Paul Forrester |
| 85. | 1976 | Whites Creek<br>Briar Branch | J.C. Ray | Virginia S. Gaskins | John Bunn<br>Walter Martin |
| 86. | 1977 | Riverside<br>Clarkton, First | Paul Forrester | Virginia S. Gaskins | Cecil Ray<br>George Langley |
| 87. | 1978 | Friendshuip<br>Zion Hill | Paul Forrester | Virginia S. Gaskins | Earl Henry<br>Roger Gilbert |
| 88. | 1979 | Elizabethtown<br>Bladenboro, First | Bruce Lanier | E.P. Lockamy | Bruce Lanier<br>Rupert Rivenbark |
| 89. | 1980 | Northside<br>Center Road | Bruce Lanier | E.P. Lockamy | Rupert Rivenbark<br>Bruce Lanier |
| 90. | 1981 | Bethel<br>White Oak | Charles Hester | E.P. Lockamy | Phillip McLean<br>Harold Shirley |
| 91. | 1982 | Hickory Grove<br>Suggs Grove | Charles Hester | E.P. Lockamy | Earl Farthing<br>Tim Sellers |
| 92. | 1983 | Lisbon<br>Tar Heel | Earl Farthing | E.P. Lockamy | Charles Allen<br>James D. Hester |
| 93. | 1984 | Riverside<br>Galeed | Harold Shirley | E.P. Lockamy | L.L. Barnes<br>Allen Grey |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 94. | 1985 | Sandy Grove<br>Dublin, First | Harold Shirley | E.P. Lockamy | Eugene Gaskins<br>Ernest Packer |
| 95. | 1986 | Suggs Grove<br>Shady Grove | James Brooks | Myrtle Lockamy | Carroll Fonvielle<br>Bervin Ferguson |
| 96. | 1987 | Faith<br>Love Grove | James Brooks | Myrtle Lockamy | William Harrison<br>Milton McCormick |
| 97. | 1988 | West Bladenboro<br>Galeed | Clyde Coates | Myrtle Lockamy | Tim Sellers<br>Bervin Ferguson |
| 98. | 1989 | Briar Branch<br>Bethel | Clyde Coates | Myrtle Lockamy | David Rutland<br>John Lott |
| 99. | 1990 | Abbottsburg<br>Friendship | Charles Little | Myrtle Lockamy | John Lott<br>Paul Forrester |
| 100. | 1991 | Lisbon<br>Elizabethtown | Charles Little | Myrtle Lockamy | Paul Forrester<br>Carroll Fonvielle |
| 101. | 1992 | Zion Hill<br>Cypress Creek | Jerry Beck | Myrtle Lockamy | Earl Farthing<br>Michael Thompson |
| 102. | 1993 | Sandy Grove<br>White Oak | Jerry Beck | Marjorie Smith | Dwight Cooper<br>Jerry Beck |
| 103. | 1994 | Suggs Grove<br>Northside | Jerry Beck | Marjorie Smith | David Rutland<br>Sidney Britt |
| 104. | 1995 | Tar Heel<br>Dublin | David Rutland | Virginia Gause | Sidney Britt<br>James Brooks |
| 105. | 1996 | Hickory Grove<br>Cypress Creek | David Rutland | Virginia Gause | James Brooks<br>Clyde Coates |
| 106. | 1997 | Center Road<br>Friendship | Michael Thompson | Virginia Gause | Bruce Cannon<br>Robert Boone |
| 107. | 1998 | Galeed<br>Clarkton, First | Michael Thompson | Virginia Gause | Oren Honeycutt<br>Dewey Jackson |

# MEMBER AND CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION
## BLADEN

**Items Reported:**

1 - Total Membership
2 - Resident Membership
4 - Other Additions
5 - New Member Training
6 - Year Organized
7 - Year Pastor Came
8 - Location (A-J)
9 - AM Worship Att.
10 - Church-Type Missions Started
11 - Church-Type Missions Operating
12 - Lost/Unchurched
13 - Assoc. Mis. on % Basis
14 - Intercessory Prayer
Racial Ethnic Group (1-7)

| CONGREGATION | C/M | COUNTY | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | Race |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG BAPT CH | C | Bladen | 167 | 109 | 1 | 3 | 1870 | 1996 | A | 51 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| BEARDS CHAPEL, GARLA | C | Bladen | 95 | 58 | 0 | 0 | 1888 | 1989 | A | 42 | 0 | 0 | Y | N | N | 1 |
| BETHEL | C | Bladen | 348 | 294 | 6 | 4 | 1881 | 1988 | A | 110 | 0 | 0 | N | N | Y | 1 |
| BLADENBORO FIRST BAP | C | Bladen | 420 | 283 | 6 | 0 | 1911 | 1993 | C | 175 | 0 | 0 | N | Y | N | 1 |
| BRIAR BRANCH, ELIZAB | C | Bladen | 124 | 81 | 3 | 2 | 1845 | 1990 | A | 51 | 0 | 0 | Y | N | N | 1 |
| BUTTERS | C | Bladen | 193 | 193 | 4 | 0 | 1932 | | A | 84 | 0 | 0 | N | N | N | 1 |
| CENTER ROAD, BLADENB | C | Bladen | 393 | 279 | 3 | 0 | 1885 | 1994 | A | 147 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| CLARKTON | C | Bladen | 345 | 202 | 2 | 5 | 1884 | 1989 | C | 77 | 0 | 0 | N | Y | Y | 1 |
| COUNCIL | C | BLADEN | 92 | 47 | 2 | 0 | 1912 | 1998 | A | 21 | 0 | 0 | N | N | N | 1 |
| CYPRESS CREEK | C | Bladen | 82 | 67 | 0 | 0 | 1853 | 1995 | A | 39 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| DUBLIN | C | Bladen | 362 | 362 | 1 | 0 | 1950 | 1997 | B | 94 | 0 | 0 | N | Y | N | 1 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | C | BLADEN | 405 | 363 | 6 | 0 | 1903 | 1996 | C | 233 | 0 | 0 | N | Y | N | 1 |
| FAITH, WHITE OAK | C | Bladen | 78 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 1978 | 1995 | A | 30 | 0 | 0 | N | Y | Y | 1 |
| Friendship Baptist C | C | Bladen | 132 | 106 | 3 | 0 | 1976 | 1995 | A | 82 | 0 | 0 | N | Y | N | 1 |
| GALEED BAPT CH, BLAD | C | Bladen | 568 | 430 | 16 | 0 | 1876 | 1989 | A | 274 | 0 | 0 | Y | N | Y | 1 |
| GOOD SHEPHERD HISPAN | M | Bladen | 26 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 1995 | 1996 | A | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | 1 |
| GRACE, BLADENBORO | C | Bladen | 63 | 20 | 1 | 0 | 1957 | 1959 | A | 68 | 0 | 4 | N | Y | N | 1 |
| HICKORY GROVE, BLADE | C | Bladen | 293 | 271 | 4 | 0 | 1834 | 1976 | A | 99 | 0 | 0 | N | N | Y | 1 |
| LISBON, CLARKTON | C | Bladen | 165 | 90 | 3 | 0 | 1870 | 1996 | B | 72 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| LOVE GROVE, TAR HEEL | C | | 109 | 78 | 0 | 0 | 1872 | 1992 | B | 49 | 0 | 0 | Y | N | N | 1 |
| NATMOORE, KELLY | C | Bladen | 96 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 1862 | 1997 | A | 27 | 0 | 0 | Y | N | Y | 1 |
| NEW CENTER, BLADENBO | C | BLADEN | 157 | 105 | 0 | 0 | 1947 | 1986 | A | 43 | 0 | 0 | N | N | N | 1 |
| NORTHSIDE, BLADENBOR | C | Bladen | 261 | 261 | 4 | 0 | 1954 | 1985 | C | 146 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| PEACE BAPT, BLADENBO | C | Bladen | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1989 | 1991 | D | 15 | 0 | 0 | Y | N | Y | 1 |
| RICHARDSON, BLADENBO | C | Bladen | 50 | 20 | 2 | 0 | 1914 | 1987 | A | 17 | 0 | 0 | Y | N | Y | 1 |
| RIVERSIDE, HARRELLS | C | Bladen | 231 | 163 | 1 | 0 | 1924 | 1995 | A | 82 | 0 | 0 | | Y | Y | 1 |
| SANDY GROVE BAPT CH | C | Bladen | 297 | 216 | 2 | 0 | 1873 | | A | 85 | 0 | 0 | N | Y | Y | 1 |
| SHADY GROVE, BLADENB | C | BLADEN | 210 | 167 | 0 | 0 | 1885 | 1996 | A | 70 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| SUGGS GROVE BAPT CH | C | Bladen | 166 | 119 | 0 | 0 | 1832 | 1980 | A | 0 | 0 | 0 | N | Y | Y | 1 |
| TAR HEEL BAPT CH | C | Bladen | 285 | 200 | 7 | 0 | 1872 | 1991 | A | 95 | 0 | 0 | N | Y | Y | 1 |
| WEST, BLADENBORO | C | Bladen | 237 | 189 | 2 | 0 | 1917 | 1993 | C | 95 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| WHITE LAKE, ELIZABET | C | Bladen | 226 | 144 | 4 | 0 | 1832 | 1989 | A | 60 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| WHITE OAK | C | Bladen | 187 | 123 | 0 | 0 | 1859 | | B | 55 | 0 | 0 | N | N | N | 1 |
| WHITE'S CREEK | C | Bladen | 274 | 230 | 4 | 0 | 1914 | 1997 | A | 145 | 1 | 1 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| ZION HILL, BLADENBOR | C | BLADEN | 210 | 150 | 9 | 4 | 1885 | 1992 | A | 98 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| | | **Association Total:** | **7,385** | **5,576** | **96** | **18** | | | | **2,831** | **1** | **5** | | | | |

# BAPTISM INFORMATION
## BLADEN

**Items Reported:**

3 - Total Baptisms | 3a - Baptisms Under 6 | 3b - Baptisms Age 6-8 | 3c - Baptisms Age 9-11 | 3d - Baptisms Age 12-17 | 3e - Baptisms Age 18-29 | 3f - Baptisms Age 30-59 | 3g - Baptisms 60-Up

| CONGREGATION | C/M | 3 | 3a | 3b | 3c | 3d | 3e | 3f | 3g |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG BAPT CH | C | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| BEARDS CHAPEL, GARLA | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BETHEL | C | 10 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| BLADENBORO FIRST BAP | C | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| BRIAR BRANCH, ELIZAB | C | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| BUTTERS | C | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CENTER ROAD, BLADENB | C | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CLARKTON | C | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| COUNCIL | C | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CYPRESS CREEK | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DUBLIN | C | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | C | 8 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| FAITH, WHITE OAK | C | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Friendship Baptist C | C | 8 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| GALEED BAPT CH, BLAD | C | 9 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| GOOD SHEPHERD HISPAN | M | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GRACE, BLADENBORO | C | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| HICKORY GROVE, BLADE | C | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| LISBON, CLARKTON | C | 6 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| LOVE GROVE, TAR HEEL | C | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NATMOORE, KELLY | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NEW CENTER, BLADENBO | C | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| NORTHSIDE, BLADENBOR | C | 9 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| PEACE BAPT, BLADENBO | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RICHARDSON, BLADENBO | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RIVERSIDE, HARRELLS | C | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| SANDY GROVE BAPT CH | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SHADY GROVE, BLADENB | C | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| SUGGS GROVE BAPT CH | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TAR HEEL BAPT CH | C | 8 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| WEST, BLADENBORO | C | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| WHITE LAKE, ELIZABET | C | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| WHITE OAK | C | 6 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| WHITE'S CREEK | C | 13 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| ZION HILL, BLADENBOR | C | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | **Association Total:** | **146** | **2** | **19** | **30** | **30** | **20** | **24** | **3** |

# BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION
## BLADEN

**Items Reported:**

15 - Total SS Enrollment | 15a - Preschool Birth-5 | 15b - Children 6-11 | 15c - Youth 12-17 | 15d - Adults 18-24 | 15e - Adults 25-34 | 15f - Adults 35-54 | 15g - Adults 55-Up | 15h - General Officers | 15i - Other Bible Study | 16 - SS Avg Weekly Att. | 17 - SS Not Cong. Members | 18 - Vacation Bible School

| CONGREGATION | C/M | 15 | 15a | 15b | 15c | 15d | 15e | 15f | 15g | 15h | 15i | 16 | 17 | 18 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG BAPT CH | C | 66 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 34 | 4 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 47 |
| BEARDS CHAPEL, GARLA | C | 68 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 17 | 21 | 2 | 0 | 42 | 0 | 35 |
| BETHEL | C | 151 | 16 | 20 | 20 | 11 | 49 | 15 | 17 | 3 | 0 | 85 | 5 | 86 |
| BLADENBORO FIRST BAP | C | 262 | 21 | 20 | 17 | 37 | 17 | 50 | 52 | 6 | 42 | 170 | 30 | 81 |
| BRIAR BRANCH, ELIZAB | C | 67 | 4 | 12 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 18 | 15 | 4 | 0 | 27 | 0 | 68 |
| BUTTERS | C | 107 | 19 | 5 | 14 | 5 | 22 | 30 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 86 | 22 | 72 |
| CENTER ROAD, BLADENB | C | 198 | 40 | 20 | 14 | 9 | 33 | 51 | 25 | 6 | 0 | 133 | 0 | 154 |
| CLARKTON | C | 156 | 22 | 13 | 27 | 10 | 3 | 35 | 43 | 3 | 0 | 83 | 7 | 138 |
| COUNCIL | C | 35 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 22 | 2 | 29 |
| CYPRESS CREEK | C | 44 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 16 | 3 | 0 | 28 | 0 | 42 |
| DUBLIN | C | 183 | 5 | 15 | 24 | 0 | 14 | 57 | 64 | 4 | 0 | 96 | 5 | 78 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | C | 342 | 37 | 48 | 49 | 30 | 31 | 20 | 118 | 9 | 0 | 164 | 21 | 151 |
| FAITH, WHITE OAK | C | 30 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 17 | 1 | 28 |
| Friendship Baptist C | C | 85 | 9 | 11 | 15 | 8 | 2 | 21 | 15 | 4 | 0 | 49 | 0 | 61 |
| GALEED BAPT CH, BLAD | C | 386 | 55 | 42 | 46 | 20 | 133 | 30 | 52 | 8 | 0 | 219 | 0 | 254 |
| GOOD SHEPHERD HISPAN | M | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GRACE, BLADENBORO | C | 95 | 13 | 17 | 6 | 11 | 3 | 23 | 18 | 4 | 0 | 63 | 12 | 47 |
| HICKORY GROVE, BLADE | C | 151 | 10 | 19 | 17 | 11 | 16 | 37 | 38 | 3 | 0 | 102 | 15 | 60 |
| LISBON, CLARKTON | C | 69 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 11 | 5 | 14 | 17 | 3 | 0 | 44 | 0 | 43 |
| LOVE GROVE, TAR HEEL | C | 52 | 6 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 39 | 0 | 56 |
| NATMOORE, KELLY | C | 41 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 5 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 0 |
| NEW CENTER, BLADENBO | C | 64 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 3 | 11 | 11 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 50 | 7 | 58 |
| NORTHSIDE, BLADENBOR | C | 168 | 30 | 17 | 11 | 10 | 24 | 39 | 34 | 3 | 0 | 127 | 5 | 113 |
| PEACE BAPT, BLADENBO | C | 38 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| RICHARDSON, BLADENBO | C | 17 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| RIVERSIDE, HARRELLS | C | 57 | 7 | 6 | 11 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 20 | 2 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 35 |
| SANDY GROVE BAPT CH | C | 115 | 5 | 14 | 17 | 7 | 14 | 10 | 45 | 3 | 0 | 75 | 0 | 60 |
| SHADY GROVE, BLADENB | C | 103 | 9 | 12 | 11 | 8 | 7 | 14 | 27 | 3 | 12 | 49 | 2 | 93 |
| SUGGS GROVE BAPT CH | C | 91 | 10 | 12 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 20 | 12 | 4 | 16 | 54 | 6 | 73 |
| TAR HEEL BAPT CH | C | 162 | 20 | 19 | 14 | 14 | 19 | 20 | 54 | 2 | 0 | 99 | 9 | 91 |
| WEST, BLADENBORO | C | 133 | 9 | 11 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 25 | 66 | 3 | 0 | 70 | 7 | 155 |
| WHITE LAKE, ELIZABET | C | 69 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 13 | 15 | 5 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 38 |
| WHITE OAK | C | 63 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 13 | 6 | 20 | 3 | 0 | 40 | 0 | 66 |
| WHITE'S CREEK | C | 144 | 6 | 25 | 14 | 14 | 12 | 40 | 30 | 3 | 0 | 92 | 0 | 121 |
| ZION HILL, BLADENBOR | C | 138 | 20 | 20 | 14 | 8 | 12 | 30 | 33 | 1 | 0 | 80 | 8 | 89 |
| **Association Total:** | | **4,000** | **411** | **442** | **430** | **283** | **490** | **732** | **981** | **111** | **70** | **2,385** | **164** | **2,522** |

# DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION
## BLADEN

**Items Reported:**

19 - Total Ongoing Discipleship Training
19a - Ongoing Presch. B-5
19b - Ongoing Child. 6-11
19c - Ongoing Youth 12-17
19d - Ongoing Adult 18-Up
19e - DT Gen. Officers
20 - Total Short-Term DT
20a - Short-Term Preschool
20b - Short-Term Children
20c - Short-Term Youth
20d - Short-Term Adults - Gen. Officers
DTEN(19+20) - Total DT Enrollment/Participation

| CONGREGATION | C/M | 19 | 19a | 19b | 19c | 19d | 19e | 20 | 20a | 20b | 20c | 20d | DTEN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG BAPT CH | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BEARDS CHAPEL, GARLA | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BETHEL | C | 69 | 3 | 24 | 17 | 24 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 |
| BLADENBORO FIRST BAP | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BRIAR BRANCH, ELIZAB | C | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| BUTTERS | C | 45 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 35 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| CENTER ROAD, BLADENB | C | 105 | 20 | 22 | 3 | 56 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 105 |
| CLARKTON | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 24 | 26 |
| COUNCIL | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CYPRESS CREEK | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DUBLIN | C | 72 | 3 | 9 | 12 | 46 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 72 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | C | 100 | 0 | 10 | 15 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 |
| FAITH, WHITE OAK | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Friendship Baptist C | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GALEED BAPT CH, BLAD | C | 204 | 35 | 40 | 35 | 86 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 204 |
| GOOD SHEPHERD HISPAN | M | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GRACE, BLADENBORO | C | 42 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 28 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 |
| HICKORY GROVE, BLADE | C | 85 | 4 | 9 | 20 | 48 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 85 |
| LISBON, CLARKTON | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LOVE GROVE, TAR HEEL | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NATMOORE, KELLY | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NEW CENTER, BLADENBO | C | 35 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| NORTHSIDE, BLADENBOR | C | 68 | 13 | 8 | 9 | 35 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 68 |
| PEACE BAPT, BLADENBO | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RICHARDSON, BLADENBO | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RIVERSIDE, HARRELLS | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SANDY GROVE BAPT CH | C | 54 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 29 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 54 |
| SHADY GROVE, BLADENB | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUGGS GROVE BAPT CH | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TAR HEEL BAPT CH | C | 45 | 1 | 10 | 10 | 21 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 52 |
| WEST, BLADENBORO | C | 30 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 23 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 40 |
| WHITE LAKE, ELIZABET | C | 20 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 |
| WHITE OAK | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WHITE'S CREEK | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ZION HILL, BLADENBOR | C | 58 | 7 | 12 | 8 | 28 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 |
| **Association Total:** | | **1,037** | **102** | **165** | **168** | **560** | **42** | **63** | **0** | **2** | **0** | **41** | **1,100** |

# MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION
## BLADEN

**Items Reported:**

**21- Total Music Ministry Enrollment** **21b - Children 6-11 yrs.** **21d - Adult Choir 18-Up**
**21a - Preschool 3-5 yrs.** **21c - Youth 12-17 yrs.** **21e - Other Music Groups**

| CONGREGATION | C/M | 21 | 21a | 21b | 21c | 21d | 21e |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG BAPT CH | C | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| BEARDS CHAPEL, GARLA | C | 12 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BETHEL | C | 45 | 0 | 15 | 12 | 12 | 6 |
| BLADENBORO FIRST BAP | C | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0 |
| BRIAR BRANCH, ELIZAB | C | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0 |
| BUTTERS | C | 35 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 17 | 0 |
| CENTER ROAD, BLADENB | C | 72 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 62 | 0 |
| CLARKTON | C | 55 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 16 | 25 |
| COUNCIL | C | 12 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 0 |
| CYPRESS CREEK | C | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| DUBLIN | C | 40 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 17 | 17 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | C | 152 | 15 | 27 | 8 | 61 | 41 |
| FAITH, WHITE OAK | C | 26 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 5 |
| Friendship Baptist C | C | 42 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 19 | 5 |
| GALEED BAPT CH, BLAD | C | 152 | 14 | 26 | 48 | 48 | 16 |
| GOOD SHEPHERD HISPAN | M | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GRACE, BLADENBORO | C | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| HICKORY GROVE, BLADE | C | 65 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 28 | 14 |
| LISBON, CLARKTON | C | 24 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 14 | 0 |
| LOVE GROVE, TAR HEEL | C | 26 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 20 | 0 |
| NATMOORE, KELLY | C | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| NEW CENTER, BLADENBO | C | 32 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 15 | 0 |
| NORTHSIDE, BLADENBOR | C | 70 | 12 | 8 | 12 | 30 | 8 |
| PEACE BAPT, BLADENBO | C | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| RICHARDSON, BLADENBO | C | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| RIVERSIDE, HARRELLS | C | 26 | 5 | 8 | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| SANDY GROVE BAPT CH | C | 42 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 24 | 6 |
| SHADY GROVE, BLADENB | C | 39 | 4 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 4 |
| SUGGS GROVE BAPT CH | C | 37 | 2 | 13 | 0 | 16 | 6 |
| TAR HEEL BAPT CH | C | 52 | 5 | 10 | 6 | 31 | 0 |
| WEST, BLADENBORO | C | 37 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 28 | 0 |
| WHITE LAKE, ELIZABET | C | 22 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| WHITE OAK | C | 34 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 14 | 5 |
| WHITE'S CREEK | C | 66 | 10 | 10 | 23 | 23 | 0 |
| ZION HILL, BLADENBOR | C | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 9 |
| **Association Total:** | | **1,350** | **103** | **208** | **188** | **684** | **167** |

# MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT
## BLADEN

**Items Reported:**

22 - Miss. Proj. Part.
22a - Local Community
22b - State/National
22c - International

| CONGREGATION | C/M | 22 | 22a | 22b | 22c |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG BAPT CH | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BEARDS CHAPEL, GARLA | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BETHEL | C | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| BLADENBORO FIRST BAP | C | 157 | 72 | 0 | 85 |
| BRIAR BRANCH, ELIZAB | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BUTTERS | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CENTER ROAD, BLADENB | C | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| CLARKTON | C | 119 | 66 | 14 | 39 |
| COUNCIL | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CYPRESS CREEK | C | 15 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| DUBLIN | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | C | 24 | 10 | 13 | 1 |
| FAITH, WHITE OAK | C | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Friendship Baptist C | C | 45 | 34 | 11 | 0 |
| GALEED BAPT CH, BLAD | C | 82 | 75 | 6 | 1 |
| GOOD SHEPHERD HISPAN | M | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GRACE, BLADENBORO | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| HICKORY GROVE, BLADE | C | 18 | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| LISBON, CLARKTON | C | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| LOVE GROVE, TAR HEEL | C | 360 | 360 | 0 | 0 |
| NATMOORE, KELLY | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NEW CENTER, BLADENBO | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NORTHSIDE, BLADENBOR | C | 23 | 23 | 0 | 0 |
| PEACE BAPT, BLADENBO | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RICHARDSON, BLADENBO | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RIVERSIDE, HARRELLS | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SANDY GROVE BAPT CH | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SHADY GROVE, BLADENB | C | 26 | 26 | 0 | 0 |
| SUGGS GROVE BAPT CH | C | 27 | 20 | 7 | 0 |
| TAR HEEL BAPT CH | C | 38 | 10 | 28 | 0 |
| WEST, BLADENBORO | C | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| WHITE LAKE, ELIZABET | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WHITE OAK | C | 46 | 23 | 0 | 23 |
| WHITE'S CREEK | C | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| ZION HILL, BLADENBOR | C | 82 | 12 | 5 | 65 |
| **Association Total:** | | **1,085** | **781** | **89** | **214** |

# GENERAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION
## BLADEN

**Items Reported:**

26 - Undesignated Gifts
27 - Designated Gifts
28 - Other Receipts
TREC(26+27+28) - Total Receipts
36 - Value - Cong. Property
37 - Congregational Debt

| CONGREGATION | C/M | 26 | 27 | 28 | TREC | 36 | 37 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG BAPT CH | C | $56,706 | $5,481 | $0 | $62,187 | $380,000 | $0 |
| BEARDS CHAPEL, GARLA | C | $30,338 | $4,301 | $0 | $34,639 | $150,000 | $0 |
| BETHEL | C | $100,110 | $8,441 | $0 | $108,551 | $1,000,000 | $0 |
| BLADENBORO FIRST BAP | C | $198,895 | $27,696 | $0 | $226,591 | $1,500,000 | $0 |
| BRIAR BRANCH, ELIZAB | C | $50,570 | $0 | $0 | $50,570 | $205,000 | $0 |
| BUTTERS | C | $69,196 | $2,531 | $2,138 | $73,865 | $250,000 | $0 |
| CENTER ROAD, BLADENB | C | $188,007 | $31,467 | $5,932 | $225,406 | $580,000 | $0 |
| CLARKTON | C | $112,608 | $14,714 | $0 | $127,322 | $600,000 | $0 |
| COUNCIL | C | $21,302 | $660 | $0 | $21,962 | $69,000 | $0 |
| CYPRESS CREEK | C | $40,179 | $4,766 | $0 | $44,945 | $288,000 | $0 |
| DUBLIN | C | $125,095 | $18,397 | $5,307 | $148,799 | $900,000 | $0 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | C | $279,486 | $109,913 | $540 | $389,939 | $1,125,000 | $0 |
| FAITH, WHITE OAK | C | $26,535 | $1,125 | $275 | $27,935 | $100,000 | $0 |
| Friendship Baptist C | C | $66,460 | $6,995 | $138 | $73,593 | $490,000 | $0 |
| GALEED BAPT CH, BLAD | C | $194,440 | $102,608 | $0 | $297,048 | $1,500,000 | $251,000 |
| GOOD SHEPHERD HISPAN | M | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| GRACE, BLADENBORO | C | $42,635 | $2,550 | $0 | $45,185 | $200,000 | $0 |
| HICKORY GROVE, BLADE | C | $107,892 | $9,974 | $600 | $118,466 | $584,000 | $0 |
| LISBON, CLARKTON | C | $54,111 | $1,080 | $12 | $55,203 | $150,000 | $7,500 |
| LOVE GROVE, TAR HEEL | C | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| NATMOORE, KELLY | C | $15,562 | $5,016 | $0 | $20,578 | $150,000 | $0 |
| NEW CENTER, BLADENBO | C | $32,810 | $14,840 | $0 | $47,650 | $117,000 | $0 |
| NORTHSIDE, BLADENBOR | C | $172,925 | $5,492 | $0 | $178,417 | $889,888 | $16,345 |
| PEACE BAPT, BLADENBO | C | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| RICHARDSON, BLADENBO | C | $15,335 | $4,307 | $0 | $19,642 | $200,000 | $0 |
| RIVERSIDE, HARRELLS | C | $84,750 | $17,878 | $15 | $102,643 | $341,000 | $0 |
| SANDY GROVE BAPT CH | C | $86,878 | $7,816 | $1,250 | $95,944 | $0 | $0 |
| SHADY GROVE, BLADENB | C | $91,725 | $11,089 | $0 | $102,814 | $574,519 | $0 |
| SUGGS GROVE BAPT CH | C | $66,724 | $1,945 | $2,916 | $71,585 | $700,000 | $0 |
| TAR HEEL BAPT CH | C | $95,254 | $19,150 | $600 | $115,004 | $713,000 | $0 |
| WEST, BLADENBORO | C | $55,889 | $1,886 | $0 | $57,775 | $552,900 | $0 |
| WHITE LAKE, ELIZABET | C | $63,196 | $40,900 | $1,030 | $105,126 | $300,000 | $0 |
| WHITE OAK | C | $53,743 | $53,349 | $4,142 | $111,234 | $786,000 | $0 |
| WHITE'S CREEK | C | $87,162 | $29,281 | $3,249 | $119,692 | $452,150 | $0 |
| ZION HILL, BLADENBOR | C | $103,500 | $18,500 | $1,700 | $123,700 | $520,000 | $0 |
| **Association Total:** | | **$2,790,018** | **$584,148** | **$29,844** | **$3,404,010** | **$16,367,457** | **$274,845** |

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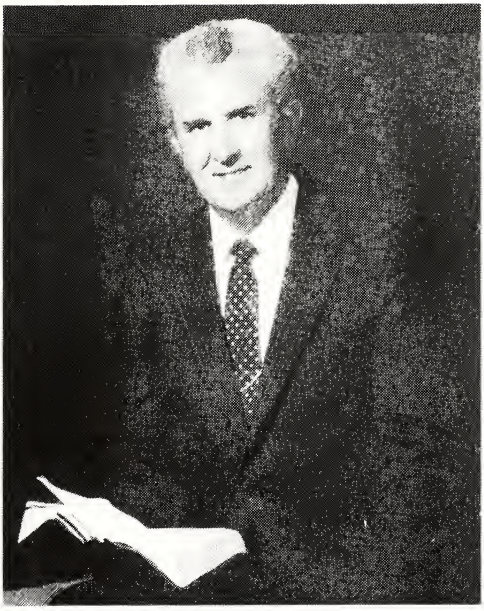

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*We have been blessed of the Lord to have Reverend Paul Forrester as a Pastor in the Bladen Baptist Association. Everyone who knew him knew that Paul loved the Lord, loved to preach His Word, and was a man of integrity and deep spiritual convictions. This annual is dedicated to Reverend Paul Forrester, a dear friend and faithful servant of our Lord.*

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**and**

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**One-Hundred-Eighth Annual Session**
**of the**
**BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**
**October 25, 1999 - October 26, 1999**

*Theme: "Go Ye Therefore..." (Matthew 28: 19-20)*

## MONDAY EVENING - OCTOBER 25, 1999
## ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

The One-Hundred-Eighth Annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association met at Zion Hill Baptist Church for the evening session on Monday, October 25, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. with Moderator Darryll Hester presiding. The session was opened with a Video presentation of the "Jesus Film". The Associational Choir under the direction of Mrs. Betsy Smith sang the song "Reach the World" as the parade of flags were being presented by a representative from each church. The flags were displayed in the church and they remained throughout the evening session. Following the parade of flags Rev. Robert Stewart, State Baptist Convention, challenged the session with the theme, "Go Ye Therefore."

The Music Director, Mrs. Betsy Smith, led the congregation in singing the hymn, "The Banner of the Cross." Mr. Gene Brisson, member of Zion Hill church, welcomed the messengers and guest to the session and led in Scripture and prayer. The scripture was taken from Exodus 18: 13-17.

Moderator Hester appointed the following to the Preacher and Place Committee, Rev. Mike Thompson, Rev. Warren Hill and Rev. James Brooks and the following to the Resolutions Committee: Rev. David Rutland, Rev. Steve Butler and Rev. Vernon Britt. These committees will report back to the session on Tuesday evening with their reports.

The moderator called upon the clerk for the enrollment of messengers report. Mrs. Virginia W. Gause reported there were one-hundred messengers and thirty visitors registered, making the total of one-hundred and thirty present. The clerk made the motion that these messengers and others who might register later constitute the one-hundred-eighth session of the Bladen Baptist Association. The motion received a second and so carried.

Moderator Hester recognized Rev. Jerry Beck, who made a motion that the program be adopted as printed. The motion was seconded and so carried.

Mr. Tom Womble, Assistant to the Executive Secretary & Treasurer, State Baptist Convention, recognized Mrs. Flossie Tatum, deceased member of the White Oak Baptist Church. He expressed his appreciation for the generous contribution Mrs. Tatum made to the N.C. State Baptist Convention. He challenged and encouraged others to let her contribution be an example of a worthy cause.

Moderator Hester recognized DOM Roberts who introduced the new ministers and their wives. They were as follows: Rev. David Mull & wife, Whites Creek (absent), Rev. Scott Lewis & wife, White Oak (absent); Rev. Clifton Kinlaw & wife, Northside (absent); Rev. Merle Johnson & wife, Butters; Rev. Jimmy Strole & wife, Sandy Grove; Rev. Warren Hill & wife, Dublin; Rev. Ray Wilkins & wife, Friendship; Rev. Mike Smith & wife, Lisbon; Rev. Randy Andrews & wife, Love Grove.

**Miscellaneous Business:** Moderator Hester called upon the clerk to read the motion made by the Executive Committee regarding By-law VI, Section A1 as follows: By-law VI, Section A1 presently reads "Annual Sessions of the Association shall be held on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning and afternoon following the fourth Sunday in October." The change will read: "Annual sessions of the association shall be held on Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon and evening following the fourth Sunday in October." This motion will be presented at the business session on Tuesday evening.

The evening worship service began with music presented by the Elizabethtown Baptist Church Wind Ensemble, led by Mrs. Sheila Freeman. Later the congregation was led by Music Director, Mrs. Betsy Smith, in singing the hymn, "Lord Lay Some Soul Upon My Heart".

Rev. Lorenzo Torres, Pastor of the Hispanic Good Shepherd Mission, gave a report for the mission and led a group from his church in rendering several selections of songs. The Choir from Zion Hill rendered special music, after which Rev. Steve Butler delivered the evening sermon entitled "Change or Die". The scripture was taken from I Kings 8. The evening session adjourned at 9:05 p.m. with the Associational Choir rendering a musical selection.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON - OCTOBER 26, 1999
## WHITE LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

The afternoon session of the One-Hundred-Eighth Annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association re-convened at 3:00 p.m. with the associational choir rendering the chorus, "One By One", led by Music Director, Mrs. Betsy Smith, after which Mr. Dale Brennon of White Lake Baptist Church, standing in for Rev. Walter Hayes, welcomed the messengers and guest. Mr. Brennon read scripture from Matthew 28: 16-20 and led in prayer.

**Director of Missions Report:** DOM Roberts commented on his and Mrs. Roberts service to the association. He expressed their appreciation for the cooperation they had received from the churches of the association during their five and one-half years of service. He talked about the various chapters of the association that had taken place during their tenure and challenged pastors to join hands and hearts in the greatest chapter ever to come. He made several comments on what he considered the highlights of the accomplishment of the association during his service as being the vision and final completion of the Hispanic Mission. He expressed a challenged to the association to not forget the spiritual rock from which we are hewn in the future. He challenged the association to remember who they are spiritually and denominationally.

The congregation sang the hymn, *"Let Others See Jesus In You"* led by Music Director, Mrs. Betsy Smith, after which the following reports were given.

**WMU:** Mrs. Glenda Ward reported. See page 36 of Book of Reports. She added that some had given Christmas Shoe Boxes to children around the world through Samaritan's Purse, some giving money to various people, such as shut-ins, elderly and with burial expenses, Hospitality House, helping feed the workers at the Hispanic Mission, stocking fund, For Christ Ministry, Habitat for Humanity, providing the environment that would allow acteens to adopt a couple of missionaries they met at Ridgecrest. Many have been involved in providing food boxes for the Hondurans, purchasing Bibles, visiting in group homes, transporting a child to camp Angel Tree, involved in the India vision, meals, college packages, love baskets, prayer support and giving through the various mission offerings.

**Brotherhood:** Mr. Ewin Davis reported. See page 37 of the Book of Reports. He also added that they had participated in the Angel Tree program in helping a young man make arrangements to go to Caraway for a week.

**Discipleship Training:** Mrs. Etta Mae Smith reported. See page 34 of the Book of Reports. She added that April 2, 2000 will be the date for the Associational Bible Drill and encouraged good participation in this event. The date for "M" night will be held on November 22, 1999 at Center Roads at 7:15 p.m. Mrs. Phillis Elliott Elvington will be the speaker again this year.

**Sunday School:** Mrs. Barbara Britt reported. See page 35 of the Book of Reports.

**Music:** Mrs. Betsy Smith reported. See page 41, Book of Reports.

DOM recognized Mr. Harvey Bedsole, Project Director for the Hispanic Mission and the missions emphasis leader for the Baptist Men. Mr. Bedsole praised all the churches who assisted through their manual labor as well as contributions of money. He gave an update of the Disaster Snap Tool Van that has been purchased by the association. It is in excellent

condition and is ready for operation. The vehicle is equipped fully at this time with the exception of a pressure washer, which is needed. The van will be used for community handyman projects as well as disaster assistance. He encouraged that they would like to see the van used each week of the year in mission work. Mr. Kenneth Huggins is the coordinator for the county. He encouraged that each church in the association appoint a coordinator in order for each church to have one contact person when the need arises. It urged each church to have trained people in their churches to help with this mission work. They encourage young people to participate in the mission work.

The director of music, Mrs. Betsy Smith led the congregation in singing the hymn, "Set My Soul Afire."

DOM Roberts introduced Rev. Mike Cummings, Director of Missions, Burnt Swamp Association, and President of the Baptist State Convention, who spoke to the session.

**Miscellaneous Business:** Rev. Jerry Beck, Chairman Membership Committee made a recommendation that the OASIS Bible Fellowship Church "having been under the watch care of the association for one full year" be accepted into full membership of the Bladen Baptist Association. Rev. Steve Butler second the motion and it was accepted by an unanimous vote.

The session recessed for fifteen minutes at 5:00 p.m.

The afternoon session reconvened at 5:15 p.m. with the congregation singing "We Have a Story to Tell" led by music director, Mrs. Betsy Smith. Miss Maranda Welbourne rendered an inspirational interpretive music selection, entitled, "Please Don't Tell Me That You Love Me".

The Moderator's message was brought by Rev. Darryll Hester, Moderator. The scripture was taken from Acts 1: 1-9. The afternoon session was closed in prayer by DOM Roberts at 6:00 p.m. Dinner was provided by the host church.

## TUESDAY EVENING - OCTOBER 26, 1999
## WHITE LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

The annual session reassembled at 7:00 p.m. with the Clarkton Baptist Church Praise Team rendering a selection entitled, "We Are Here". Later the congregation sang a hymn, led by Director of Music, Mrs. Betsy Smith, entitled "Ye Servants of God". Rev. David Rutland read scripture taken from Matthew 28: 1 and led in prayer. Director of Music, Mrs. Betsy Smith and Mrs. Gretta Jackson sang the chorus, "One By One".

**Evangelism:** Rev. Bruce Cannon reported. See page 42 of the Book of Reports. He also indicated that assistance was needed at the associational booth at the Agricultural Expo on November 12-13 in Clarkton. The Jesus Video will be given out as well as other literature.

**In Remembrance:** Mrs. Thelma Barnes presented a list of the memorials, and a candle was lit in their memory.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Nominating:** Rev. Richard Smith presented the officers for the coming year as reported on pages 3, 4, 5 & 6 of the Book of Reports. He made the motion that these officers be accepted. He received a second and motion carried with unanimous vote.

**Finance:** Mr. David Clark made a motion that the report be accepted as reported on pages 60, 61 & 62 of the Book of Reports. Rev. Merle Johnson made an amended motion that the Christmas gift for the DOM and Secretary be increased to $750.00. (See Item 400 on page 60.) The motion received a second and was carried by an unanimous vote. The proposed budget and the treasurer's report with the amended motion made by Rev. Johnson was approved with unanimous vote.

**Historian:** Mrs. Ethelene Barnes gave the report as given on page 47 of the Book of Reports.

**Place & Preacher:** Rev. Mike Thompson reported that the One-Hundred-Ninth annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association will be held at Bladenboro Baptist Church on Monday Evening, October 23, 2000 and at Elizabethtown Baptist Church on Tuesday afternoon and evening, October 24, 2000. The preacher will be Rev. Dewey Jackson with alternate, Rev. Orborn Gibson.

**Resolutions:** Rev. David Rutland gave the report.

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

The One-Hundred-Eighth annual session of the Bladen Baptist Association meeting with Zion Hill Baptist Church, Bladenboro, on Monday, October 25, and with White Lake Baptist Church on Tuesday, October 26, 1999 extends its gratitude to every person who has helped make this meeting possible.

1. To our host churches for so graciously providing for our comfort and to Zion Hill church for the hospitality and delicious meal they afforded the pastors. To White Lake Church for their hospitality and the gracious meal they served to all of us.

2. To the Program Committee, for their splendid efforts in preparing for us a most inspirational and challenging program.

3. To our most capable Moderator who has led us with genuine sincerity through all procedures.

4. To our Director of Missions and the Officers of the Association for their proficient leadership during the past year.

5. Be it resolved that we acknowledge and thank God for dedicated laymen and laywomen who in so many ways are the backbone of all our work and throughout the Association serve with dedication and lead through his churches.

6. Be it also resolved that we thank God for our Denominational Representatives and Missionaries who serve so diligently and faithfully.

7. That we dedicate this One-Hundred Eighth Annual Session to the loving memory of Dr. Paul Forrester who served so well among us until God called him home.

8. That we acknowledge above all, our debt of gratitude to our loving Heavenly Father and praise His name for whatever has been accomplished during the past year, pledging anew our lives to be used by him in the years that lie ahead.

Rev. David Rutland, Rev. Vernon Britt and Rev. Steve Butler.

**Miscellaneous:** The moderator called upon the clerk to present the change in the By-law VI, Section A l to reflect the change for the time of meeting of the annual meeting. See reading under Miscellaneous Business on page one of this report. The change in By-law came as a recommendation from the Executive Committee and the change was approved with no opposition.

Rev. Walter Hayes made the motion that a letter go out to all the churches asking for a love offering to be given to DOM Roberts. This motion received a second and so carried.

The evening worship service began with Mr. Dennis Dagenhart rendering the prelude. The congregation sang the hymn "Send Me O Lord, Send Me", led by Mrs. Betsy Smith. The White Lake Baptist Church choir sang "If I Be Lifted Up." Mrs. Sheila Freeman and her daughter, Miss Sonja Freeman gave a Flute/Piano musical interlude. Rev. Ted Stone delivered the evening message. Rev. Stone is a crusader against illegal drugs and is famous for his two walks across American to combat the illegal drug problem. He is a member of Grace Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina and a Trustee of Southwestern Seminary.

The evening session closed at 9:05 p.m. with Rev. Merle Johnson leading in prayer and a choral response, "Go out and Tell".

Respectfully submitted:
Darryll Hester, Moderator
Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

# MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATION
# 1999

**ABBOTTSBURG**--Rev. Dewey Jackson, Mrs. Jane Thompson, Mrs. Jane Walters, Mrs. Gladys Stephens

**BEARDS CHAPEL**--Rev. Ralph Gore, Mrs. Thelma Barnes, Mr. Otis Barnes, Mrs. Helen Barnes

**BETHEL**--Rev. Jerry Beck, Mrs. Ceceile Bryan, Mrs. Ruby Beck, Ms. Lannie McKee, Mrs. Dianna Roberts, Ms. Catherine DeVane

**BLADENBORO, FIRST**--Mr. C.O. Bridger, Mrs. Martilla Freeman, Mrs. Nettie V. Fussell, Ms. Glenda Ward, Mrs. Myrtle Lockamy

**BRIAR BRANCH**--Rev. Steve Butler, Ms. Ann Cashwell, Mrs. Katie Smith, Mr. Benny Suggs, Mrs. Ida Suggs, Mrs. Betty Tatum

**BUTTERS**--Rev. Merle Johnson, Mrs. Mary Spence, Mrs. Billie Faye White, Mrs. Grace Parnell, Mrs. Thelma Wiederspahn

**CENTER ROAD**--Rev. Vernon Britt, Mr. Warren Dowless, Mrs. Winford Evers, Mr. Winford Evers, Mr. Jack Franklin, Mrs. Jack Franklin, Mrs. Margaret Singletary

**CLARKTON, FIRST**--Dr. Michael Thompson, Mrs. Greta Jackson, Mr. Charles Little, Mrs. Mamie Little, Mrs. Myrtle Page, Mrs. Frances Dawson, Mrs. Judy Elkins

**COUNCIL**--Rev. LeeRoy Smith, Mr. Bobby Owens, Mrs. Glenda Owens, Mrs. Doris Williams

**CYPRESS CREEK**--Mrs. Lucille Smith, Mrs. Mittie Smith

**DUBLIN**--Rev. Warren Hill, Mrs. Lucille Andrews, Mrs. Peggy B. Hill

**ELIZABETHTOWN**--Rev. David Elks, Mr. Harvey Bedsole

**FAITH**--Rev. Oren Honeycutt, Mr. Charles Rice, Mr. Clayton Tyndall

**FRIENDSHIP**--Rev. Ray Wilkins, Mrs. Margaret Smith, Mrs. Margaret Williams

**GALEED**--Rev. Bruce Cannon, Mrs. Ada K. Bartley, Mr. Chris Merritt, Mr. Bobby Lennon, Ms. Alice Connor, Ms. Ann Smith

**GRACE**--Rev. Orborne Gibson, Mrs. Billie Gibson, Mrs. Mary Ransom

**HICKORY GROVE**--Rev. James Brooks, Mr. Franklin Allen, Mrs. Grace Brooks, Mr. Leo Hester, Mrs. Gretchen Allen

**LISBON**--Rev. Mike Smith, Mrs. Virginia Gause, Mrs. Freda White, Ms. Lillian White

**LOVE GROVE**--Rev. Randy Andrews, Mrs. Linda DeVane, Mrs. Jean Smith

**NATMOORE**--Mrs. Carolyn Buie, Mrs. Cherry Sholar, Mrs. Patricia Squires

**NEW CENTER**--Rev. George Langley

**NORTHSIDE**--Rev. Clifton Kinlaw, Mrs. Bernice Bass, Mr. Thurman Bass, Mrs. Barbara Johnson, Mr. Gregory Johnson, Mr. Kay Meismer, Mrs. Janice Porter, Mr. Ray Porter

**PEACE--No Messengers**

**RICHARDSON**--Rev. Richard Mabe, Mr. Chris Merritt, Mrs. JoAnne Rogers

**RIVERSIDE**--Rev. Currie Long, Mrs. Currie Long, Mr. Joe Evans, Mrs. Joe Evans

**SANDY GROVE**--Rev. Jimmy Strole, Mrs. Ruth Carson, Mrs. Nellie P. Kinlaw, Mrs. Carrie M. Watson, Mr. Rufus Watson

**SHADY GROVE**--Rev. Don Coley, Mr. Alfred Edwards, Mr. Douglas Thompson

**SUGGS GROVE**--Rev. David Rutland, Mrs. Margaret Edge, Mrs. Reba Edge, Mrs. Polly Kelly, Mrs. Jean Tew, Mrs. Betty Walters

**TAR HEEL**--Rev. Darryll Hester, Mrs. Johnna Anderson, Mrs. Pansy Druzak, Mrs. Melanie Ashe, Mrs. Lisa Taylor

**WEST BLADENBORO**--Mr. Danny Sealey, Mr. Darius Stephens

**WHITE LAKE**--Rev. Walter Hayes, Mrs. Peggy Hayes, Mr. Wilbur Smith

**WHITE OAK**--Rev. Scott Lewis, Mr. Art Barnhardt, Mrs. Glenda McLamb, Mr. Daniel F. McLaurin

**WHITES CREEK**--Rev. David Mull, Ms. Sara Anglin, Mrs. Elese Johnson, Ms. Ruby McQueen, Mrs. Gail Norris
**ZION HILL**--Mr. Gene Brisson, Mrs. Kathleen Edwards, Mrs. Gladysteen Pait, Mrs. LeeAnne Bryan, Mrs. Etta Smith, Ms. Paula Stanley

## DIRECTORY OF CHURCH ORGANISTS
### (Or Pianist if no Organist)

**ABBOTTSBURG**--Mrs. Retha Bryan, 910-648-4017
**BEARDS CHAPEL**--Mrs. Sandra Oliver, 910-529-1914
**BETHEL**--Mrs. Ruby Beck - 910-862-6137
**BLADENBORO, FIRST**--Mrs. Susan M. Kelly, 910-863-3436
**BRIAR BRANCH**--Mrs. Elaine Dickens, 910-588-4867
**BUTTERS**--Mr. Murray Bishop, 910-863-3470
**CENTER ROAD**--Mrs. Geri Anderson, 910-863-3209
**CLARKTON, FIRST**--Dr. John Hall, 910-645-4620
**COUNCIL**--Mrs. Doris Williams, 910-669-2574
**CYPRESS CREEK**--Mrs. Jennifer Coble, 910-588-4698
**DUBLIN, FIRST**--Mrs. Estelle Summerlin, 910-862-2020
**ELIZABETHTOWN**--Mrs. Betty C. Womble, 910-862-3244
**FAITH**--Mrs. Penny Todd, 910-866-5483
**FRIENDSHIP**--Mrs. Margaret Williams, 910-588-4462
**GALEED**--Mr. Greg Lennon, 910-863-4595
**GRACE**--Mrs. Patricia McKeithan, 910-648-3692
**HICKORY GROVE**--Mrs. Deborah A. Hester, 910-648-4511
**LISBON**--Mrs. Virginia Gause, 910-645-4181
**LOVE GROVE**--Mrs. Lucy Monroe, 910-862-2350
**NATMOORE**--
**NEW CENTER**--Mrs. Phyllis McCormick, 910-648-2229
**NORTHSIDE**--Mrs. Doretta Lennon, 910-863-4432
**PEACE**--Mrs. Gladys Dowless
**RICHARDSON**--Mrs. Debbie Nance, 910-863-4316
**RIVERSIDE**--Mr. Richard Thomas, 910-532-4708
**SANDY GROVE**--Mrs. Darlene J. Cain, 910-648-4806
**SHADY GROVE**--Mrs. Sherry Britt, 910-648-2385
**SUGGS GROVE**--Mrs. Connie Tew, 910-484-2023
**TAR HEEL**--Miss Vivian Wilson, 910-862-6266
**WEST BLADENBORO**--Mrs. Sherry K. Lewis
**WHITE LAKE**--Mr. Dennis Dagenhart, 910-862-2302
**WHITE OAK**-- Mrs. Diana Sholar, 910-866-4522
**WHITES CREEK**--Mrs. Devonna H. Beard
**ZION HILL**--Mrs. Kathleen Edwards, 910-863-3571

# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
# OF
# BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**ARTICLE I - NAME:** The name of this body shall be Bladen Baptist Association.

**ARTICLE II - MISSION:** It is the Mission of this body to provide opportunity to member churches affiliated with it for cooperative efforts in carrying out the evangelistic and ministry directives of Jesus Christ; further to encourage and assist, when possible, each member church in doing the same.

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP:** The Association shall consist of messengers and executive committee members who are members of the affiliated churches as follows:

1. Each church of fifty (50) members or less shall be entitled to three messengers, and for each additional fifty (50) members an additional messenger, provided that no church shall have more than five (5) lay messengers active and voting at one time. Each church shall be entitled to an equal number of alternate messengers who shall serve in the absence of the messengers. The messengers who compose the Association must come from churches that believe in practicing New Testament doctrine as set forth in *The Baptist Faith and Message.*

1 A Each church shall be entitled to one executive member and senior pastor to serve as set forth in article IV.

2. The Pastors
3. The elected officers of the Association.

**ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE BOARD:** The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the Association, together with a pastor and a layman from each affiliated church. The Executive Board is charged with the duty of executing the plans and decisions of the Association and the employment and direction of the Associational Director of Missions. A full report of its work shall be presented at each Fall Session, together with plans and recommendations for the promotion and extension of the work of the Association. The Executive Board shall act for the Association between sessions in conformity with the expressed decisions of the body. A vacancy occurrring between sessions may be filled for the remainder of the year as set forth in Article VI (1) (c) of this constitution.

**ARTICLE V - AFFILIATED CHURCHES:** A Missionary Baptist Church desiring fellowship in the Association may submit a written request for membership at a Fall session, and may be received under the watchcare of the Association for a period of time to the next ensuing Fall Session, and then upon recommendation of the Committee on Membership, such church may be received as a member by two-thirds favorable vote of the duly qualified messengers in attendance at such session.

Any member church in good standing shall be entitled to a letter of dismissal and recommendation to another similar body. Such letter may be from the Association in session or by the Executive Board between sessions.

**ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS:**

(1) The Executive Officers of the Bladen Baptist Association shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. Other Officers shall be stewardship director and historian.

(a) Officers shall be approved at the April Executive Committee meeting and duly elected at the annual meeting. Nominees will be presented by the nominating committee or from the floor. All nominations must be with the prior consent of the nominee. They shall serve for one year beginning at the close of the annual meeting and ending at the close of the next.

(b) A qualified parliamentarian, well versed in Robert's Rules of Order, shall be appointed by the moderator during his term of office.

(c) If the office of Moderator becomes vacant, the vice-moderator shall become moderator for the rest of that term. Other vacancies in associational offices shall be filled by the Executive Committee on recommendation of the Nominating Committee or from the floor, with prior consent of the nominee(s).

(d) A Moderator shall not serve more than two years in succession.

**ARTICLE VII - DIVISION DIRECTORS**

(1) A Division Director shall be approved by the Executive Committee during its April Meeting and duly elected at the annual meeting, for Sunday School, Discipleship Training, WMU, Brotherhood, Evangelism, Music, Seminary Extension, Church Media, Missions Development, Leisure Ministry, youth, and other organizations which may be added by the Association. Nominations may be presented by the Nominating Committee or from the floor with the prior consent of the nominee(s).

(a) The Division Director will begin serving in October following election but will be responsible for planning the program and budget for year under his/her direction.

(b) Each Director will select workers for that area and present them to the Nominating Committee for approval prior to the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee will then present the workers to the Association for approval at the Annual Meeting.

**ARTICLE VIII - ASSOCIATIONAL COUNCIL:** The Associational Council shall consist of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Directors of each division. The staff members of the Associations shall serve in an ex-officio capacity.
The Associational Council shall serve in an advisory capacity to assist in planning, promoting, guiding, and calendar planning for the total Associational Program.
It will meet regularly prior to each Executive Board Meeting and Annual Session. It will consider, review, and/or prepare recommendations concerning the Associational Program for action by the Executive Board and/or Association.

**ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES:**

(1) Standing Committees shall be as follows and others may be added as deemed necessary by the Executive Board or Association. They are to be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected at the Annual Meeting:

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| Nominations | Constitution | Ordination |
| Membership | The Office Building and Grounds | Finance |
| | DOM Relations | |

(2) Associational Committees: The Moderator shall appoint the following committees at the July Executive Board Meeting: (a) Committee on Place and Preacher for the following year, (b) Committee on Resolutions, (c) Committee on Enrollment, (d) Membership Committee, if needed, and (e) any other committees which may be authorized by the Association. These committees shall report during the annual session

**ARTICLE X - PROCEDURE:** The business of the Association shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, unless otherwise provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws.

**ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT:** This Constitution may be amended at any session of the Association by a two-thirds vote, provided: the amendment has been presented in writing at an Executive Board meeting prior to Annual Session, and read to the Association the first day of Annual Session, to be voted on second day.

**ARTICLE XII - ADOPTION:** Upon adoption, this Constitution shall become effective at the close of this session of the Bladen Baptist Association.

# BY-LAWS
# OF
# BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## I. NAME

The name of this body shall be Bladen Baptist Association as set forth in Article I of the attached constitution. The location shall be Elizabethtown, Bladen County, North Carolina.

## II. FAITH

This Baptist Association accepts the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as our rule of faith and practice. It affirms the doctrinal positions set forth in *The Baptist Faith and Message*, and hereby incorporates that statement into these bylaws.

## III. PURPOSE

As set forth in Article II of the attached constitution.

## IV. POLITY AND RELATIONSHIPS

The government of this association is vested in the members who compose it. It is subject to the control of no other ecclesiatical or political body or bodies.

We realize there is mutual helpfulness in working with other associations of like faith and practice as to encourage the spirit of fellowship and good will. We also recognize that there have been devised, through the voluntary cooperation of churches of like faith and order, organizations whose purpose it is to implement the missionary, educational and benevolent interests and obligations of this association and its affiliated churches. Believing that the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention are organizations which have as their sole purpose the promotion and support of missions; education and benevolence of the character and in keeping with the spirit of the Bylaws and Constitution of this association, we therefore voluntarily agree to participate in the programs and ministries of these organizations.

## V. MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATION

### Section A: Requirement and Procedure

Membership will be as set forth in Article III and IV of attached Constitution of this body, namely the Bladen Baptist Association.

### Section B: Duties of Affiliated Churches

1. *Cooperation.* Any church affiliated with this body shall support the same financially and be sympathetic with the purpose and mission of this body. Any voting member of this body must first be a member of an affiliated church.

2. *Provide Annual Church Profile (ACP).* Each affiliated church shall send to the clerk of the Association fourteen (14) days prior to the Fall Session of the Association, on forms furnished by the Clerk, a full report of the church work for the year ending September 30th.

### Section C: Rights of Affiliation and Membership

1. Each affiliated church has a right to be represented by messengers or executive committee members as set forth in article III and IV of attached constitution of this body, who in turn shall have the right to vote on all matters brought before this association.

2. Any member of an affiliated church is eligible for consideration by the membership of the association for nomination to any elective office in the association.

**Section D: Termination of Affiliation**

*Church affiliation with this association may be terminated in the following ways:*

1. By the affiliated church's request. The affiliated church may write a letter of request that its affiliation with Bladen Baptist Association be terminated. Such termination shall be effective as of the date the request is received and approved.

2. By exclusion. The association, after due notice and a reasonable opportunity for hearing and kindly efforts to make such action unnecessary, may terminate the affiliation of churches who fail to be supportive financially or fail to be sympathetic with the doctrine and purpose of this association.

## VI. MEETINGS

**Section A: Business.**

***Quorum. 12 affiliated churches represented by voting messenger(s) or executive board members shall constitute a quorum***

1. Annual Sessions of the Association shall be held on Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon and evening following the fourth Sunday in October.

2. Quarterly Sessions The Executive Board shall meet on Tuesday following the third Sunday of January, April, and July.

3. Special meetings may be called by the moderator or the director of missions provided one week advanced notice is given to the affiliated churches.

**Section B: Procedure.**

All meetings of the Association shall be opened with a devotional service followed by the order of business or agenda and closed with prayer. *An order of business shall be adopted at the beginning of each annual session which shall be changed only by a two-thirds vote of the body.*

**Section C: The Associational Year**

The Associational year and reports shall cover October 1st through September 30th. The fiscal year shall be January 1st through December 31st.

## VII. OFFICERS:

**Section A. Generally**

***Executive Officers of the association shall be Moderator, vice-moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer.*** Other officers shall be stewardship director, historian and such others as the association shall determine. For all such officers the association shall establish and set forth in the bylaws, their means of selection and duties. All officers must be members in good standing of an affiliated church and serve at the pleasure of the association.

**1. Duties of Executive Officers**

**a. Function as Board of Directors.** The currently serving Executive Officers shall meet and acting together, constitute the Board of Directors of Bladen Baptist Association. Such Board of Directors shall change by and in the same procedure as Executive officers change. In their capacity as directors, they shall have the duties and responsibilities attendant to Directors, subject however to the limitation set forth in the charter bylaws and constitution. The Directors shall not have power, except as expressly authorized by the association, to purchase or sell or encumber any real or personal property, to install or remove officers or staff, to amend the Charter, bylaws or constitution, or to bind the corporation to any contract.

**b. Corporate Officers.** The Moderator shall, whenever required by law or practice, serve as the President of the Corporation, having however only such express powers as are granted by the association, and having no power absent such express authorization to bind the corporation in any matter or act for it. In a similar manner and subject to the same limitations, the Vice-Moderator shall be authorized to act as the Vice-President.

**Section B. Moderator.**

The Moderator shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually as set forth in article VI of the attached constitution.

The Moderator shall preside at all meetings of the Association. He/She shall be a member of the Executive Board, and as opportunity may permit, shall act as fraternal visitor to the churches throughout the year, representing the fellowship of the entire association.

**Section C. Vice-Moderator.**

The Vice-Moderator shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually as set forth in article VI of the attached constitution. The Vice-Moderator shall preside in the absence of the moderator. He/She shall be a member of the Executive Board, and as opportunity may permit, shall act as fraternal visitor to the churches throughout the year, representing the fellowship of the entire association.

**Section D. Clerk.**

The Clerk shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Clerk shall work with the Associational Staff in keeping an accurate record of the proceedings of the association, and shall prepare and cause to be published and distributed, as directed by the Association or Executive Board, minutes and statistics of the Association as soon as practical after adjournment of the Fall Session. He/she shall mail the necessary forms and letters to the clerks of the churches affiliated with the association six weeks before they are due. Copies of the annuals shall be provided without charge for the officers, and provided for affiliated churches as requested by payment. A copy shall be sent to each department of the Baptist State Convention and other institutions and individuals as the Association or Executive Committee may direct.

**Section E. Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall be nominated by the nominating by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Treasurer shall work with the Associational Staff to receive all receipts of the association, disburse them according to its order, and present a printed report of the same to the Fall Session of the Association and to the Executive Board.

**Section F. Stewardship Director**

The Stewardship Director shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Stewardship Director shall be responsible for Stewardship Promotion working with the Director of Missions and subject to the supervision of the Executive Board.

**Section G. Historian**

The Historian shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Historian shall encourage churches to preserve their historical material, to publish a church history from time to time, and to observe their special anniversaries. He/She should maintain an Associational Historical Collection.

**VIII. COMMITTEES**

**Section A. Generally**

Committees of the association shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected annually by the association except those committees appointed by the moderator. Such committees are clearly designated in the by-laws and constitution. There are two types of committees, standing and special. Standing committees are listed in these by-laws while special committees are elected by the association in accordance to need.

**Section B. Duties**

**1. THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** The Program Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Director of Missions, Director of Music and Pastors of the host churches. The vice-moderator shall be chairman of this committee. It shall prepare a printed program for the Annual Meeting and distribute copies to program personnel and pastors at least thirty (30) days in advance. The committee shall present the program for adoption by the association and manage any adjustments.

**2. FINANCE COMMITTEE:** This committee shall consist of five members whose duty it shall be . . . to supervise the financial program of the association and to report to the Executive Board regarding the same at each quarterly meeting. The Finance Committee shall submit to the Executive Board at the July Meeting, a budget for the coming year. The budget will be voted on at the Fall Session of the association.

**3. NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** This Committee, composed of 5 members, shall nominate officers, Division Directors and committee members as set forth in Article V and IX of this constitution. It shall also nominate associational representatives for convention institutions and agencies as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee or association. Vacancies occuring between annual sessions shall be filled by the Executive Board upon presentation of nominee(s) by this committee.

**4. CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE:** This committee, composed of three members, shall be available to review study and propose changes in the constitution, and make recommendations to the association regarading any changes.

**5. ORDINATION COMMITTEE:** This committee, composed of five (5) members shall, when requested by a member church, assist in the examination and ordination of candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

**6. DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS RELATIONS COMMITTEE:** This Committee, composed of four (4) members, shall work with the Director of Missions in keeping his job description up to date, abiding by the guidelines adopted for the relationship, reviewing compensation and time arrangements, arranging for mutual evaluation sessions, handling criticisms of the Director of Missions and hearing his complaints, helping with staff difficulties, and dealing with any problems that may arise.

**7. COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS:** This committee, composed of three (3) members and appointed by the moderator, shall study proposed resolutions and make its report in the final session of the annual meeting.

**8. COMMITTEE OF PLACE AND PREACHER:** This committee, composed of three (3) members is appointed by the moderator. It shall seek out and recommend meeting places for annual sessions. It shall also recommend preachers and alternates for the Fall Sessions.

**9. COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT:** This committee is appointed by the moderator and shall be composed of five members. It shall work with the office staff to prepare for and direct the enrollment of messengers at each of the annual sessions.

## IX. DIVISION DIRECTORS

**Section A. Generally**

Division directors are nominated by the nominating committee and elected annually by the association according to procedure set forth in article VII of the attached constitution. A director for each of the following divisions shall be elected: Brotherhood, Discipleship Training, Deacon Consultant, Evangelism, Leisure Ministry, Media, Missions Development, Music, Seminary Extension, Sunday School, Womans Missionary Union, and Youth.

**Section B. Duties**

1. It shall be the responsibility of each Division Director to coordinate and assist the work of each committee or program group in that particular division.

2. The Division Director shall make quarterly progress reports to the Executive Board and shall prepare and submit a written annual report for the Book of Reports not later than the last scheduled meeting of the Executive Board prior to the Annual Session.
3. The Division Director shall serve on the Associational Council to help plan and coordinate the total associational ministry.
4. The Division Director shall prepare and submit a budget request for his/her division to the Finance Committee by July 1, prior to budget year planned.

## X. PARLIAMENTARIAN

The parliamentarian shall be appointed by the moderator and shall be well versed in Robert's Rules of Order.

## XI. DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

### Section A. Election

The Director of Missions shall be elected upon the recommendation of a duly elected search committee. Nominees for the Search Committee shall be presented by the Nominating Committee to the Executive Board who shall be responsible for electing the same. The Search Committee shall then search out and recommend a qualified candidate to the Executive Board for Election. The term of office for the Director of Missions shall be until terminated by mutual consent or at the official request of either party.

### Section B. Duties

The Director of Missions shall have general oversight of the work of the association, cooperating with all elected officers of the Association and member churches. The Director shall be an exofficio member of all committees, councils and organizations of the Association. His duties shall be carried out in accordance with agreed job description.

### Section C. Vacancy

When a vacancy occurs and during the interim period, *the Associational Council shall seek out and recommend an interim Director of Missions to the Executive Board.*

### Section D. Grievances

Any matter relating to the Director of Missions which is not covered in this constitution or covenant agreed upon by the Association and the Director of Missions shall be referred to the DOM Relations Committee who in turn will make recommendations to the Executive Board if and when necessary.

## XII. REVENUE

The Bladen Baptist Association shall be supported through contributions from the affiliated churches and individual gifts. Gifts other than undesignated monies, shall be accepted at the discretion of the Finance Committee.

## XIII. SALARIES OF OFFICERS

Salaries of the Director of Missions of the association, as well as any other officer, shall be such amount as may be provided for in the Annual Budget and approved by the association in its Fall Session.

## XIV. MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The Minutes of all sessions of the association shall be examined, approved, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before being printed.

**XV. AUDITOR**

1. The Auditor shall examine the financial books and records of the association and submit a detailed report covering his audit at such time as may be required by the Executive Board of the association.

**XVI. VISITORS**

1. Visitors are welcome to attend any business session of the Bladen Baptist Association, but without deliberation or voting privileges. Vistors may speak at the discretion of the moderator.

**XVII. AMENDMENTS**

1. These By-Laws may be amended at any annual session of the association by a two-thirds vote, provided the proposed amendment(s) have been presented in writing during the first session. The vote shall then be taken the following day at a time on the program designated by the moderator.

**XVIII. EFFECTIVE DATE**

1. These By-Laws or any additions or amendments thereto shall become effective immediately upon passage.

Submitted by Constitution Committee
Mr. Worth Hester
Mrs. Josie Carroll
Mrs. Florence Suggs

Adopted
October 28, 1997

# ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

## 1999-00

## OFFICERS, PROGRAM LEADERS AND COMMITTEES

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# CALENDAR 2000

## JANUARY 2000

**10-11** **State Evangelism Conference**
10-12 NC Baptist Music Conference, Caraway
11 Bladen Ministerial Alliance
**18** **Bladen Pastor/Spouse Conf., Butters**
**18** **Bladen Executive Board, Resource Cent.**
20-21 Vocational Evangelists Conf. Caraway
23 Baptist Men's Day in churches
25 Deadline Summer Ministry Applications
25-26 General Board Meeting, Caraway
27-28 Preschool and Children Ministers Continuing Ed. Retreat, Caraway
28-29 NC Baptist Men's Conv., Raleigh
28-30 Volunteer-led BSU Retreat, Boone

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## FEBRUARY 2000

6-13 Week of Prayer & Special Offering for Baptist Retirement Homes of NC
13-19 WMU Focus Week
**15** **Bladen Ministerial Conf.**
18-19 Interviews Summer Missions, Caraway
18-19 Youth Handbells Festivals
20 Baptist Colleges, Seminaries, School Day
**22** **Bladen Pastors/Spouse Conf.**
20-23 North American Mission Study
24-25 Church Weekday Education Dir. Retreat, Caraway
25-26 PraisRing 2000
25-26 Associational WMU Director's Retreat, Camp Mundo Vista
25-27 Women's Personal Retreat, Caswell
27 Volunteers in Mission Day

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## MARCH 2000

5-12 Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Offering
6-9 Youth Ministers' Continuing Ed. Retreat, North Myrtle Beach
9-11 Marriage Enrichment Retreat, Myrtle Beach
10-11 NCBM Board Meeting, Caraway
12-19 Youth Week - local churches "Free the Fire"
**14** **Bladen Ministerial Alliance**
14-15 New Ministers Orientation
17-18 Language Pastors' Retreat, Caraway
17-18 Father-Son Retreat Sports "Impact" Caswell
**21** **Bladen Pastor/Spouse Conf.**
24-25 Regional Sunday Director's Retreats
27-29 FAITH-Clinic: Hillcrest Church, Kernersville
31-Apr. 1 Father/Daughter Retreat, (1st-5th grades), Caswell
31-Apr. 1 BSU Spring Conf., Caraway
31-Apr. 1 Missions Extravaganza #1, Ridgecrest

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**APRIL 2000**

3-5 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
7-9 Spring Fling Retreat I, Caswell
10-12 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
11 Church Building Conference
12 Registration for State Bible Drills
14-16 Spring Fling Retreat II, Caswell
14-16 Single Adult Retreat, Caswell
17-19 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
**18 Bladen Pastor/Spouse Conf.**
**18 Bladen Executive Board, Resource Center**
21 Easter Holiday (BSC Offices Closed)
**23 EASTER**
28 State Youth Bible Drills
28-29 Disaster Relief Expo
28-30 Spring Fling Retreat III, Caswell
29 State Children's Bible Drill

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**MAY 2000**

1-2 Key Leadership, Caswell
4-5 Senior Adult Choir Festival
5 State Youth Bible Drills
6 State Children's Bible Drills
7-14 Wk. of Prayer NC Baptist Hospital
8-10 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
12-14 Spring Fling Retreat IV, Caswell
13 State Royal Ambassador Track Meet
15-17 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
15-17 Spring Senior Adult Conference, Caraway
17-19 Spring Senior Adult Conference, Caraway
19-20 WMU Executive Board/Mundo Vista
19-21 Spring Fling Retreat IV, Caswell
20 Finalist Youth Bible Drill
21-22 WMU Associational Training, Caswell
21-25 Student Summer Orientation, Meredith
22-24 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
**23 Bladen Pastor/Spouse Conf.**
26-28 Couples Spring Break, Caswell
29 Memorial Day Holiday (BSC closed)

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**JUNE 2000**

2-4 Youth Evangelism Spring Thing, Caswell
5-10 Youth Conference I, Caswell
11-12 National WMU Meeting, Orlando, Florida
12-16 Caraway Summer Camp for Boys
12-16 GA Camp, Mundo Vista
12-17 Youth Conference II, Caswell
**13-14 Southern Baptist Conv., Orlando, Florida**
19-23 Caraway Summer Camp for Boys
19-23 GA Camp, Mundo Vista
19-24 Youth Evangelism Week II, Caswell
23-24 WMU Associational Training, Caraway
26-30 GA Camp, Mundo Vista
26-30 Caraway Summer Camp for Boys

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**JULY 2000**

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| 3-5 | Caraway Summer Camp for Boys |
| 3-7 | GA/Acteens Camp, Mundo Vista |
| 3-7 | Family fun & Focus Week, Caswell |
| 3-7 | Week of Christian Study, Mars Hill College |
| **4** | **July 4th Holiday (BSC offices closed)** |
| 5-7 | Caraway Summer Camp for Boys |
| 10-14 | Caraway Summer Camp for Boys |
| 10-14 | GA Camp, Mundo Vista |
| 10-15 | World Missions Week, Caswell |
| 14-15 | WMU Associational Training, Caraway |
| 17-21 | Acteens/Angel Tree Camp, Mundo Vista |
| 17-21 | Caraway Summer Camp for Boys |
| 17-21 | Youth Conference III, Caswell |
| 24-28 | GA Camp, Mundo Vista |
| 24-28 | Caraway Summer Camp for Boys |
| 24-29 | Youth Conference IV, Caswell |
| **27-28** | **SUPER SUMMER 2000 - Carowinds** |
| 31-Aug. 4 | Senior Adult Conference, Caswell |
| 31-Aug. 4 | Caraway Summer Camp for Boys |
| 31-Aug. 4 | Youth Evangelism IV |

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**AUGUST 2000**

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| 2-6 | Christian Life Week, Caswell |
| 2-6 | GA Camp, Mundo Vista |
| 2-6 | Caraway Summer Camp for Boys |
| 2-6 | Youth Evangelism Week IV |
| 6-7 | Church Brotherhood Training, Caraway |
| 7-9 | Happiness Retreat I, Caraway |
| 8-11 | Caraway Summer Camp for Boys |
| 9-11 | Happiness Retreat 2, Caraway |
| 11-13 | Happiness Retreat 3, Caraway |
| **22** | **Bladen Pastor/Spouse Conference** |
| 23-27 | Senior Adult Conference, Caswell |
| 27-28 | NC Baptist Singers, Caraway |

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**SEPTEMBER 2000**

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| **4** | **Labor Day Holiday (BSC offices closed)** |
| 8-9 | Music Leadership Training, Caraway |
| 10-17 | Week of Prayer NC Missions |
| 11-13 | Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell |
| 15-16 | Caraway I - Sunday School Training |
| 15-16 | WMU Executive Board, Mundo Vista |
| 18-20 | Coastal Senior Adult Reteat, Caswell |
| **19** | **Bladen Pastor/Spouse Conference** |
| 22-23 | Caraway II - Sunday School Training |
| 25-27 | Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell |
| 29-30 | Father-Son Retreat, Caswell |

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## OCTOBER 2000

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| **1** | **Soul-Winning Commitment Day** |
| 2-4 | Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell |
| 6-7 | Music Leadership Training, Caraway |
| 8 | World Hungry Day |
| 9-11 | Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell |
| 9-11 | Fall Senior Adult Conference, Caraway |
| 13-14 | Statewide Deacon/Church Retreat, Caraway |
| 13-14 | Royal Ambassador Leadership Training |
| 16-18 | FAITH Clinics: Rocky Mount |
| 16-18 | Fall Senior Adult Conference, Caraway |
| 16-18 | Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell |
| 18-20 | Fall Senior Adult Conference, Caraway |
| 20-22 | Coastal Fall Youth Retreat, Caswell |
| 23-24 | Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell |
| **23** | **Bladen Baptist Association - Bladenboro, First** |
| **24** | **Bladen Baptist Association - Elizabethtown** |
| 27-28 | Statewide Deacon/Church Retreat, Caswell |

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| 5-11 | Royal Ambassador Week in the Churches |
| 12-19 | Week of Prayer & Special Offerings, Baptist Children's Homes of NC |
| **13-15** | **Baptist State Convention/Winston-Salem** |
| 17-19 | Fall Youth Evangelism Retreat, Caswell |
| **21** | **Bladen Pastor/Spouse Conference** |
| **23-24** | **Thanksgiving Holidays** |
| 29-Dec. 1 | Christmas by the Sea, Caswell |

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| 3-10 | Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering |
| 4-6 | Christmas by the Sea, Caswell |
| 6-8 | Christmas by the Sea, Caswell |
| 11-13 | Senior Adult Christmas by the Sea, Caswell |
| 22,25,26 | Christmas Holidays (BSC offices closed) |

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# EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
## January 19, 1999

The Executive Board met at the Bladen Baptist Associational Center on January 19, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. with Moderator Darryll Hester presiding.

The meeting was called to order and Rev. Jerry Beck gave the devotion taken from Psalms 90. He led in prayer after making inspirational comments.

The roll call of churches indicated there were thirty-one present representing seventeen churches.

The motion was made by Rev. Mark Forrester to accept the July 1998 minutes as printed. The motion carried.

Reports from organizations and committees were as follows:

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** No report.

**DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING:** No report.

**BROTHERHOOD:** No report.

**MUSIC:** Rev. Aaron Brooks reported that the associational choir had been very successful and that they would be involved in the "Celebrate Jesus 2000" event. The churches will be notified when the practice dates have been established.

**WMU:** No report.

**MEDIA/LIBRARY:** No report.

**ANNUITY:** No report.

**MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT:** No report.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Mr. David Clark presented the Treasurer's report as attached. He asked for a motion to accept the report as printed and the motion so carried.

**EVANGELISM:** Rev. Bob Boone commented on "Celebrate Jesus 2000". He emphasized this would be a grand time for the churches to share Jesus Christ with others. He announced that there will be an event, "Celebrate Jesus 2000" on New Year's Eve 1999. It will be held at Galeed Baptist Church from 9:00 p.m. until 12 Midnight. There will be an hour of Christian music, an hour of fellowship with finger food and returning to the sanctuary for a preaching service as the mid-night hour will be approaching. He urged the churches to pray about this event. The churches will be receiving information later.

**DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS:** DOM Roberts expressed his thanks for all the assistance the volunteers have made at the Hispanic Mission. He commented on the progress that has been made at the mission. He indicated the announcement would be made soon for the dedication ceremony. He also indicated that the Hispanic congregation has planned to do something for the workers soon. This will be announced at a later date.

DOM Robert recognized Rev. Steve Butler who presented the financial report for the contributions made from the churches to the Hispanic project. The contribution made for 1997 was $30,205.98 and for 1998 was $59,430.26, making a grand total of $89,636.24. The expenditures thus far have been $73,305.12 making a balance as of December 31, 1998 of $16,331.12.

Rev. Butler also reported that there have been 61 conversions as of this date. He also invited anyone to come over to the services on Sunday afternoon from 3:00 p.m.-until, at Briar Branch Church.

DOM Roberts indicated the septic system is to be installed, the heat pumps and some plumbing has to be completed, as well as a few other small things that need to be done.

DOM Roberts announced that the Bladen Ministerial Association is sponsoring a baccalaureate service at the Bladen Community College on May 26, 1999 at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Bob Bergland from the United Trinity Methodist Church in Elizabethtown will be working with the association on this plan. More information will be available at a later date concerning this event. He indicated they would be on the February Board of Education's Agenda to present the idea to that board.

He announced the annuals will soon be ready for the printers.

He also asked the churches to pray for Dr. Paul Forrester who is very ill at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Rev. Steve Butler announced that on February 6, 1999 there will be Youth Fest to be held at Bladen Community College at 7:00 p.m. He urged all ministers and youth leaders to attend the meeting. On May 22, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. Connie and the Hoppers will present a religious song service at Bladen Community College.

Rev. Bob Boone announced that there will be a Praise Fest to be held at Zion Hill Baptist Church on January 29-30, 1999. The Rev. Eugene Ridley, Wilmington, will speak on Friday, January 29th at 7:00. Bruce Martin, Fayetteville, will preach on Saturday, January 30th at 10:00 a.m. Dr. Mack Roberts will preach at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday 30th. There will be special singing to be announced later.

Rev. Bruce Cannon announced there will be a Sunday School Growth Revival with Ricky Hughes on February 7-10. He invited anyone interested to attend the services.

Rev. Cannon also encouraged participation in a prayer conference led by Henry Blackaby in Greensboro on March 20-21. On April 24, 1999 in Charlotte there will be simulcast broadcast of Rick Warren's "Purpose Driven Church" seminar.

Mr. David Clark asked DOM Roberts what progress had been made on the Christian Broadcasting Television Station that was announced previously to be located in Bladen County. DOM Roberts indicted that a steering committee had been formed in Bladen and they had made contact with the Broadcasting Company and has not been informed of any further progress as of this date.

Rev. Walter Hayes made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Rev. Aaron Brooks led in prayer.

Respectfully submitted by:
Darryll Hester, Moderator
Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
### April 20, 1999

The Executive Board met at the Bladen Baptist Association Resource Center on April 20, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. with Moderator Darryll Hester presiding. Rev. Steve Butler led in devotion taken from Mark 14:3-9.

The roll call of churches was made by the clerk. Thirty-one (31) members were present with twenty-two (22) churches represented.

Rev. Walter Hayes made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed with no corrections. The motion was seconded and so carried.

**REPORTS:**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** DOM Roberts reported in the absence of Mrs. Barbara Britt. Mrs. Britt is to mail out information to all the churches on how to analyze your church at a later date.

**DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING:** DOM Roberts reported in the absence of Mrs. Etta Smith. He said that we had good response from the Bible Drill Teams. There were three churches participating. It was held at Zion Hill Church. DOM Roberts commented on the

excitement of seeing boys and girls finding the scriptures in the Bible. Moderator Hester stated that it is talked about having the parents and the children competing at some future date.

**BROTHERHOOD:** Mr. Ewin Davis reported that the Hispanic Mission was almost finished and would be dedicated soon. Mr. Davis introduced another mission project that he would like to see materialize. He told of a former pastor of the Bladen Baptist Association, who now resides in another association and he had began building a house near Bladenboro, doing the work himself. He has been sick and has had surgery several times and was unable to do any work at this time. The foundation has been completed. Mr. Davis invited anyone who could work on this coming Friday and Saturday to come. The house is on Dusty Road, which is off of Cabbage Road and North of Zion Hill Church.

**MUSIC:** No report.

**WMU:** The annual WMU meeting is being held at Clarkton Baptist Church on this evening. There was no report.

**MEDIA LIBRARY:** No report.

**ANNUITY:** No report.

**MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT:** (This report was made after the discussion about the disaster van which is recorded below under the DOM report) Rev. Bruce Cannon, on behalf of the associational council, made the motion that we commend and encourage our Brotherhood Baptist Men for their decision to move ahead in this organization to purchase a disaster recovery unit for our association. The cost of the vehicle will be around $10,000.00, further we encourage churches to make a contribution or to receive a love offering before or during the Associational Emphasis Week which will be observed May 17-23, 1999.

The motion received a second and carried with an unanimous vote.

**LEISURE MINISTRY:** Rev. Walter Hayes invited all the churches to participate again this year beginning the first Sunday in May at White Lake. There are nine worship sites around the lake. He encouraged any group to come that is interested in telling others about Jesus.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Mr. David Clark reported. A copy of the report had been mailed to all executive members. See attached report. There was some discussion relating to the money reported that was given to the Baptist Association not showing up on the report. It was explained that if the money was not received during the months of January-March it would not be shown on this report. It would be reflected in the next quarters report.

**EVANGELISM:** In the absence of Rev. Bob Boone, Rev. Walter Hayes announced that information would be mailed out to all the churches regarding the "Jesus 2000 Celebration". There will be several committees formed and each church will be asked to have a representative on each committee. The celebration will be observed on December 31, 1999, New Year's Eve. The event will be held at Galeed Baptist Church. There will be a very good program, starting at 9:00 p.m. and continuing through mid-night. There will be gospel music, food and an inspirational message. It is planned that when the New Year comes we will be praying and challenged for the new year.

DOM Roberts shared that his vision is that each church will buy a "Jesus" video, which will cost only $5.00, and put in the hands of all the families possible in the community. He said that he had a packet that would aid anyone in how to do this and follow up with prayer. He will be having a meeting with all pastors at a later date to discuss further details. He is hoping that the year 2000 will be the greatest for the Bladen Association to reach people for Jesus.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Rev. Richard Smith, Chairman, presented the following officers for the coming year: **Moderator:** Rev. Darryll Hester; **Clerk:** Mrs. Virginia W.

Gause; **Sunday School Director:** Mrs. Barbara Britt; **Discipleship:** Mrs. Etta Smith; **WMU:** Mrs. Glenda Ward; **Brotherhood:** Mr. Ewin Davis; **Music:** Mrs. Betsy Smith; **Evangelism:** Rev. Bob Boone; **Seminary Extension:** Rev. Vernon Britt; **Mission Development:** Rev. Bruce Cannon; **Media Library:** Mrs. Ann Smith; **Pastoral Ministry Representative:** Rev. Michael Thompson; **Leisure Ministry:** Rev. Walter Hayes; **Deacon Consultant:** Rev. David Rutland. Rev. Smith made a motion that these officers be accepted. The motion was seconded and was approved unanimously. These officers will be going to the Key Leadership Conference.

**DOM REPORT:** DOM Roberts commended the good representation of church tonight. He welcomed the following ministers into the Bladen Baptist Association: Mr. Mike Smith, who is interim pastor at Lisbon Baptist Church; Rev. David Mull, pastor at Whites Creek Baptist Church; Rev. Jimmy Stroll, pastor at Sandy Grove Baptist Church; Rev. Clifton Kinlaw, pastor at Northside Baptist Church. He also announced that the Balden Ministerial Association has organized a baccalaureate service for the Balden County Seniors. This will be the first baccalaureate service to be held in the county since the early 1970's. The sign-up date at the high schools was on Monday. He has not has a report from East Bladen. There were about 30% of the students at Tar Heel and 40% at Bladenboro had signed up. There is a total of 61 students signed-up thus far. The service will be held at Bladen Community College on May 16, 1999 at 3:00 p.m. DOM Roberts announced that the Disaster Recovery Baptist men are at work. He commented on the disaster that took place at Tar Heel and White Oak recently.

Mr. Harvey Bedsole reported that the Baptist men had appointed a committee to look into buying a used snap-on tool van and they had looked at one. There was concern about whether the van would be ready for service when the need arose. There were two men on the committee who said they would be sure the van was cranked and driven at least once every two weeks to be sure the van would be ready when the need arose. The van could be driven by anyone who had valid drivers licenses. The van would accommodate at least five-six people. There is a generator on the van to generate electricity for heat or air. At this time there has not been a place found to store the van. He has made contact with mechanics to maintain the vehicle. Mr. Bedsole emphasized that the van would not only be used during times of disaster weather conditions. He stated that the van would be used to aid any other project where there was a need to be done in the communities.

DOM Roberts also stated the committee had talked about having a drill about once a month for the ones who have been certified as a disaster recovery worker to have in-house training and be familiar with the equipment.

DOM Roberts reported that as soon as they had clearance from the inspectors the date would be set for the dedication of the Hispanic Mission. The dedication is planned to be held on Saturday p.m. He also announced that Mr. Lewis Dowless planned to serve a meal at the dedication service. DOM Roberts reported that the only thing that had not been paid for is the heat pump units. He said that the value of the building is $236,000.00, as valued by the insurance representative.

DOM Roberts asked for prayer for the Key Leadership Conference on May, 3-4.

DOM Roberts informed the members that the annuals are ready for delivery. He said that any church who had paid for theirs could pick them up tonight. They are $6.00 each.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Rev. Aaron Brooks made a motion that the nominating committee be instructed to add a Recreation Committee to the list of officers. The motion received a second. There was a discussion as to whether this would be added to the by-laws. This would be done at the annual meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Rev. Walter Hayes brought before the session that the White Lake Prison had asked permission to give the piano that was donated by the churches to them previously to another prison camp chapel as the state had given them a new piano. He made this in form of a motion. It was seconded and was carried by an unanimous vote. He also indicated that the state does not have any funds to have the piano tuned. Rev. Hayes asked that we take up a love offering

tonight to have the piano tuned. After some discussion, it was decided that the piano would need to be tuned at two different time. The offering was taken and totaled $116.10.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** DOM Roberts made the announcement that if anyone wanted to do anything for the disaster victims at Tar Heel to send the money to the associational office. DOM Roberts would consult with Rev. Darryll Hester and Rev. Phil Lloyd to assist in getting the money to the victims who lost everything.

Motion was made at 8:44 p.m. by Rev. Walter Hayes to adjourn. Rev. Bruce Cannon led in prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Darryll Hester, Moderator
Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
### July 27, 1999

The Executive Board met at the Bladen Baptist Association Center on July 27, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. with Moderator Darryll Hester presiding and leading in devotion taken from Acts: 17.

The roll call of churches was made by the clerk. There were thirty-five (35) members present representing twenty (20) churches.

Mr. David Clark made a motion that the minutes of the April 20, 1999 meeting be accepted as printed. There were no corrections. The motion was seconded and so carried.

The following reports were given:

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Mrs. Barbara Britt reported. She asked that each member see her tonight to get a folder for their Sunday School Director with information that will help churches evaluate their Sunday School for the primary purpose of determining the five functions of the Sunday School for strengths and weaknesses. There is also some information for the new century and the Key Leadership Conference to be held on August 31, 1999.

**DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING:** DOM Roberts reported for Mrs. Etta Smith. There were seven children participating in the Bible Drill this year in the association and four of them went to the State Bible Drill and were all winners. They were all from Center Roads Baptist Church, Katie Johnson, Autumn Cain, Cameron Dowless, and Justin Merritt. He expressed his appreciation to these young people and to all who participated at the church and associational level. It is now time to elect Bible Drill leaders for the coming year. Mrs. Smith needs to know which churches are planning to participate in the Bible Drill in order for training to be planned. Please call Mrs. Smith.

**BROTHERHOOD:** Mr. Ewin Davis reported that the Hispanic Mission had been completed and turned over to the Hispanic group. The mission has been paid in full. Mr. Davis requested that if anybody in any church knew of anyone who needed special help to let him know for the Brotherhood to determine if it is a project they can handle. The men in the churches will be called upon to aid in projects and the goal is to have every church involved.

He reported that they are still looking for a good disaster recovery van to purchase. The van that the committee had looked at was not what they were looking for and they are still looking for one to purchase to use during a disaster as well as projects that the local churches may have. He requested that it anyone is aware of a van that would be suitable to contact the associational office. They plan to keep the van active and in good working condition.

**MUSIC:** Mrs. Betsy Smith reported she plans to start a music library. She requested that if any church has any music that might be taking up storage space that they would like to share with other churches to get it to her for the music library or bring it to the association center.

Music is planned for our associational meeting in October and she will be getting up with the church's choir directors to plan for the associational choir. She plans to do a lot of mission thrust with music for the coming year.

**WMU:** Mrs. Glenda Ward reported that on April 20, 1999 the WMU met at Clarkton Baptist Church with around fifty (50) attending. At this time all but one WMU Council members for the new year have attended a training session either at Caswell or Fruitland. They are getting ready for the Key Leadership on August 24, 1999. She encouraged church participation in this training. She also remarked that if there were any churches who does not have an active WMU or other mission organizations to have a person to come for the meeting and see if there is anything WMU can help with in their church. She reported that she and Mr. Ewin Davis had worked recently in getting a child back and forth from Camp Angel Tree. She will be contacting several pastors in the next few weeks regarding the N. C. Mission offering. The State Mission offering has been down during the past years. This offering serves quite a lot in N. C. Missions as well as the Bladen Baptist Association receives 10% in return. The State staff is asking for a prayer request from each pastor for the state convention to be praying for.

The Key Leadership Training that will be held on August 24, 1999 will be for the WMU, Brotherhood and Deacon/Consultants. More information will be mailed out at a later date.

**MEDIA LIBRARY:** Mrs. Ann Smith reported that Mrs. Alice Conner will be leading the conference on August 31, 1999 at Galeed Baptist Church. She challenged every church to send a representative to the conference, whether they had a church library or not.

**ANNUITY:** No report.

**MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT:** No report.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Mr. David Clark referred to the budget report that had been mailed out with the notice of the board meeting. A copy of the new budget was presented at this meeting. See attached copy. Mr. Clark explained the difference made in this year's budget. The recommended budget is $96,161.00 for year 2000. He also noted that the increase in the insurance line item of $700.00 was for the recovery disaster van. The motion made to accept the budget as proposed by Mr. Clark was approved by unanimous vote. This budget will be presented at the annual session for approval.

**EVANGELISM:** Rev. Bruce Cannon, chairman, reported. This committee is making an effort for all churches throughout the county with the Bladen County Ministerial Association to win our county to the Lord. On August 10, 1999, 8:30 a.m. the Bladen County Ministerial Association will be meeting at the Bladen County Hospital. They met with the school board about two weeks ago and secured a commitment with them not to have ball games on Sunday and also to restrict the activities regarding athletics on Wednesday evenings during prayer meeting hours. On September 14, 1999, 8:30 a.m. at the Bladen County Hospital, the Bladen County Ministerial Association will meet with Mr. William Turner, School Board, to let us know how our churches can go into the county schools and adopt all county high schools and county middle schools. He encouraged churches to support and plan to attend. He also encouraged support at the key leadership conference to be held on August 31, 1999. The guest speaker representing the state convention will be Mr. Marty Dupree, who is working with the "Jesus Video". On September 15, 1999, 7:30 a.m. at every high school, middle school and primary school there will be a "See You At The Pole" prayer time. He reminded the board that on December 31, 1999, 9 o'clock p.m. at Galeed Baptist Church a New Years Eve's service, "Celebrate Jesus 2000", will begin with singing in the sanctuary for the adults and fellowship for the youth in the fellowship hall. There will be planned activities for the children. The worship service will begin in the sanctuary at 10 o'clock p.m. The service will conclude around the alter at mid-night asking the Lord to give our county a chance to win people to God.

**DOM:** DOM Roberts expressed his gratitude for all the reports given. He recognized the following new pastors: Rev. Mike Smith, Lisbon Baptist Church, Rev. David Mull, Whites Creek, Rev. Jimmy Strole, Sandy Grove and Rev. Merle Johnson, Butters. DOM reminded anyone not having their VBS report in to please do so as soon as possible. He reminded that the 1998 annuals are available for distribution. The annuals are $6.00 per copy.

There will be a meeting for those who is interested in the Disaster Recovery Unit on August 10, 1999 at the White Lake Water Rescue Building. The time will be announced later. At this time there will be an update regarding the unit and also information pertaining to needed training during a disaster. There are 54 people already trained and still need more.

Mr. Harvey Bedsole was recognized to discuss the purchase of the disaster recovery unit. He explained that the purchase of the unit in Virginia did not materialize. The four men who had made the trip to purchase the van agreed that the van was not suitable and agreed not to make the purchase. Efforts are still in effect to find a suitable van to purchase.

DOM Roberts re-emphasized the announcement regarding the Key Leadership Conferences to be held on August 24, 1999 at Elizabethtown Baptist Church and on August 31, 1999 at Galeed Baptist Church.

He requested all leaders to get their reports in to the associational office by the middle of August. The annual meeting will be October 25-26, 1999. The keynote speaker will be Mr. Ted Stone, Durham, N.C. Mr. Mike Cummings, President of N. C. State Baptist Convention will also be here.

The Moderator called upon the clerk to read the recommendation made by the Associational Council concerning the time of the annual meeting as follows: Action was taken by Bladen Baptist during the annual meeting on Tuesday evening, October 28, 1997 regarding time of annual meeting as follows:

"That the 1998 annual meeting begin with a Monday night session, October 26, 1998 with registration at 6:45 p.m. and continue Tuesday afternoon, October 27, 1998 from 3:00 p.m. till 5:30 p.m. followed by supper and a concluding night session from 6:30 till 9:00 p.m., further that the by-law VI, Section A1 of the new proposed by-laws pertaining to time of the annual session be suspended for one year to accommodate such change in meeting time; further that the executive board be given authority to review and extend this suspension until a change in the by-laws can be made, if deemed to be in the best interest of the association, otherwise the association shall revert back to the annual meeting time as it is now stated in the by-laws."

In compliance with this action the associational council recommends this change of meeting time be extended to include the 1999 annual session and further; that a by-law change be recommended to the 1999 annual meeting to read as follows:

By-law VI, Section A1 presently reads: "Annual Sessions of the Association shall be held on Tuesday evening and Wednesday a.m. and afternoon following the fourth Sunday in October."

The change will read: "Annual session of the association shall be held on Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon and evening following the fourth Sunday in October."

The motion from the council to accept this report was accepted by unanimous vote, to be presented at the annual session for approval.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:** Rev. Richard Smith, Chairman, presented the officers, program leaders and committees for 1999-2000 year. See attached list.

The officers, program leaders and committees members were approved as submitted with a unanimous vote to be submitted at the annual session.

Moderator referred to the announcement that was made in the April 1999 minutes regarding anyone wanting to donate monies to the tornado victims. There has been about $500.00 that has been sent in from area churches. Most of the victims have been taken care of. There is a special need for one of the victims that lost his mobile home needing a concrete platform where he parks his vehicle. He is a paraplegic and is having problems getting from his vehicle to his ramp. There has been a suggestion that the $500.00 be used for this project with the help of the Brotherhood. There was no action taken on this matter, as it was for information only.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Rev. David Mull, pastor of Whites Creek, announced that Whites Creek is participating in the South Africa 175 program in which 35 pastors from North Carolina is going to South Africa for two weeks in revival and 35 pastors from South Africa will be brought to North Carolina. Whites Creek will be hosting a South Africa pastor in a revival on October 24-27. He extended an invitation for all to attend.

DOM Roberts announced that under the leadership of the Holy Spirit and through prayer that he will be retiring as Director of Missions as of December 31, 1999 in order to consecrate more fully on a pulpit ministry as the Lord may lead and open the door. He expressed this was his first calling from the Lord. He also announced that Mrs. Roberts will be leaving when a replacement is found.

As a result of DOM Roberts retiring, the constitution calls for the nominating committee to form a search committee, which will report back to the executive committee. Moderator Hester indicated there will probably be a called executive meeting for approval of the search committee.

Rev. Walter Hayes, pastor of White Lake Church, made a motion that we adjourn at 8:45 p.m. asking for special prayer for a certain man, who is in a treatment center. There was also a request for several others. Rev. Warren Hill, pastor of Dublin Baptist Church closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Darryll Hester, Moderator
Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

## CALLED EXECUTIVE MEETING
### September 7, 1999

The Executive Board met at the Bladen Baptist Association Center on September 27, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. with Moderator Darryll Hester presiding and leading in devotion. Mr. David Clark opened the session with prayer.

The roll call of churches was made by the clerk and there were twenty (20) present representing thirteen (13) churches.

Moderator Hester informed the board that the purpose of this meeting is to approve the selection of a search committee to choose a Director of Missions due to the retiring of DOM Roberts.

Mrs. Thelma Barnes, member of the nominating committee, presented the following people to serve on the Search Committee: Rev. Bruce Cannon, Chairperson; Rev. James Brooks, Rev. Jerry Beck; Mr. David Clark and Mrs. Thelma Barnes. Mrs. Barnes made a motion that the above listed people compose the Search Committee. The motion carried with unanimous vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Rev. Bruce Cannon made the announcement of "See You At The Pole" on September 15, 1999. This is the time when at least one of our churches will be going into each school getting everything ready for the youth, who attend that school, to gather around the flag pole to pray. There will be an announcement in this weeks paper. The article will be announcing the time for each school to meet at the pole. He encouraged anyone wishing to meet at the school with the students to do so. There will be a meeting at the Bladenboro Historical Building for any adult who would like to attend. There will be a pre-"See You At The Pole" meeting at Galeed Baptist Church at 7 o'clock on Saturday, September 11, 1999. The students will be challenged to pray for their schools, country, their peers and themselves. He invited anyone who is not having a meeting to come to Galeed.

He also announced that on Tuesday, September 14, 1999, 8:30 a.m. the Bladen County Ministerial Association will be meeting at the Bladen County Hospital. A guest speaker is coming from Wilmington, N. C. Mr. William Turner of the Board of Education will be at the meeting sharing how our churches can get into the schools on a legal basis.

Rev. Cannon also said that he had a packet of material to give to anyone who did not get to attend the evangelism leadership conference last week.

Rev. Walter Hayes made a motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Rev. Bruce Cannon closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:
Darryll Hester, Moderator
Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

## DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT 1999

As most of you know by now, December 31, 1999 will end my tenure as your Director of Mission and what a year to conclude a wonderful journey of ministry with you.

This has been a highly active year of ministry in our association beginning with the continuation and completion of construction on the Hispanic Church. Dedication was held on May 1, with an overflow crowd even though it was a rainy day. As you will read in other parts of this book of reports and hear first hand from the pastor during this annual meeting, the Lord is richly blessing the work and to God be the glory.

Words cannot be found to verbally express the appreciation I feel in my heart for all the volunteers who worked so faithfully and for all the monetary gifts from you the churches. In addition there were personal donations and contributions for more than could be acknowledged in this report. Several individuals who worked so hard have forbidden me to call names. God knows and will acknowledge with an eternal reward.

Our Baptist Men, with the support of our churches and Baptist State Convention, have purchased a very nice Disaster Recovery Vehicle and it has been in use already in the aftermath of Hurricane Floyd. Thank God for the vision and ministry of our men volunteers. In conjunction with Hurricane Floyd a tremendous amount of food and supplies were donated by our churches in addition to about $5,000.00 thus far to aid the victims.

Furthermore two of our churches, Abbottsburg and Peace were heavily damaged by flooding. The WMU Thrift Store was also flooded, the damage however was minimal due to the hardwood floors.

Our Leadership Conferences this year were I think, the best yet. Most all of the conferences were well attended and the conferences were well prepared. This was due to the fact that our leaders attended the annual Key-leadership Conference held at Caswell in May and were brimming over with enthusiasm in preparation and anticipation.

Enough cannot be said about the generosity of both the churches and leadership of this association. You have made my ministry a very pleasant and fulfilling experience. My challenge to you is to keep up the good work and support your new Director in the great cause of mission ministry.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mack Roberts
Director of Missions

## MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT

The opportunity to do missions in Bladen Baptist Association is steadily growing. The world is coming to our area. They are hungry, in prison at times, sick, and in great need of our love and attention. As we minister to the needy, we minister unto the Lord. The question was posed in Jesus' sermon in Matthew 25, "Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?" Jesus response

was **"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."** I am certain we all would love to have the opportunity to minister to Jesus; to meet a need He has. As we minister unto those whom the Lord allows to come into our presence, or as we have the opportunity to go to the uttermost parts of the world to reach out to people, we minister unto Him.

Exciting missions opportunities have presented themselves to us. The Hispanic Church is a great blessing and a testimony to what Bladen Baptists can do "laboring together." Disaster Recovery will prove to be another powerful tool to minister to persons in crisis situations. Who gets the greater blessing? The ones being ministered to or the ones privileged to minister? I say the latter.

Praise the Lord for every opportunity He grants us to minister to others in His name. Please be in much prayer that we will follow His leadership in every opportunity He provides for Us.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce E. Cannon, Chairman
Missions Development

## DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

Children's Bible Drill has been our main emphasis again this year. We began with a Saturday workshop for leaders in October. This workshop included a breakfast for all.

We had seven children participating in the associational drill. Four of those seven went on to the state drill and were all winners on the state level.

"M" Night was hosted by Galeed Church on November 23, 1998. We had 163 in attendance representing 14 churches. The high attendance banner went to Galeed Church with 59 present and the high percentage banner went to Tar Heel Church with 52 present. Music was provided by Galeed and Center Road Churches and a drama by Galeed Church. Mrs. Phyllis Elliott Elvington brought us a very challenging message that helped us to see how we can help Discipleship Training to grow.

Thank you for your support in the past year. I look forward to working with you in the coming year and ask that you remember Discipleship Training and Children's Bible Drill in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Etta Smith
Discipleship Supporter

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School theme for 1998-1999, "carry the Light...Seek God's Power", prevented a challenge for each church in our association. Many of the churches answered the call and carried the light Into their communities. As they sought God's Power, Sunday School enrollment increased and souls were saved. This year through the Great Commission Sunday School, people have been led to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as they have served the Lord through worship, evangelism, fellowship, discipleship, and ministry. As Christians have grown spiritually, the ministries of the individual churches have expanded with people reaching out to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Twenty four Sunday School leaders attended the key leadership session for Sunday School Directors. What an exciting time it was for us as we discussed the strengths of our Sunday Schools and the areas we wanted to improve. As leaders shared their vision for their Sunday School it was obvious that God has burdened Sunday School leaders' hearts to develop and implement strategies that will lead people toward faith in Christ and build Great Commission Christian.

Our mission, as Bladen Baptists, remains the same - to lead people to faith In the Lord Jesus Christ and to serve Him through worship, evangelism, fellowship, discipleship, and Ministry. The Sunday School for 1999-2000 is "Sunday School for a New Century: Laying the Foundation". Sunday School Is much more than a teaching-learning institution that meets once a week; it is a strategy or a plan for doing the work of the church. The challenge for our Sunday Schools for the new century is to organize for service, be equipped for every good work, and mobilize for ministry.

May God bless you as you seek and follow His will for "laying the foundation" for your "New Century" Sunday School

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Baxley Britt
Associational Sunday School Director

## WMU 1998-1999

**EMPHASIS:** TRANSFORMED

**WATCHWORD:** *"Adapt yourselves no longer to the pattern of this present world but let your minds he remade and your' whole nature thus transformed"* Romans 12:2a NEB).

**THEME:** Grow in Spiritual Power and Go Make Disciples of All People

Highlights of the WMU Ministries in the association this year include:

- We sent 532 pairs of slouch socks to the Women's Prisoners in Cary.
- The response from the churches for the Dorothea Dix Christmas ministry was great!
- April 20th was the date for the annual meeting. Special guest speaker was Jimmy Anderson North American Missionary. Clarkton First Baptist Church hosted the event with 55 in attendance.
- On August 24~, the Associational Key Leadership Conference was held at Elizabethtown Baptist Church.

Please continue to support die WMU Thrift Store with your donations and time!

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Bryan
Associational WMU Director

## BROTHERHOOD REPORT 1999

This has been a very busy and we believe a productive year for the Bladen Baptist Association Baptist Men and Brotherhood. The year 1999 opened with work continuing on the Hispanic Worship Facility at White Lake. Through the untiring dedication of the volunteers work was completed and dedication took place on Saturday May 1, just one year after the foundation footing was poured. The facility was fully paid for on the day of dedication thanks to the generosity of our churches who gave so adequately and the contributions of so many businesses as well as individuals.

The next goal for our men was to purchase a Disaster Recovery Vehicle to assist in recovery from any natural disaster and to aid in the local churches' "handyman ministry". The Lord blessed us with donations from our churches and a very liberal donation for the Baptist Convention of North Carolina which has enabled us to secure that vehicle and equip it with tools to carry out the work. Again everything was paid for when purchased.

Little did we know that the first disaster after the purchase of the van would be in our back yard. The unit has already been in use along with several volunteer teams from other counties. More men are needed to participate in this great ministry. Anyone who can be a part or would like to be on the mailing list, please call me or the associational office at 862-3496.

We had a very successful Brotherhood Key-Leadership Conference in September which was conducted at the Elizabethown Baptist Church.

Every church in our association is encouraged to have an active men's ministry group. If we may be of help in any way or fashion please do not hesitate to give us a call.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ewin Davis
Associational Brotherhood Director

## HISPANIC REPORT
## 1999

Another praise report from the Hispanic Mission, things are going extremely well. The gospel is being shared with many people. While talking with Pastor Torres recently, to date there has been over 72 Hispanics that have received Christ. The church is doing very well spiritually, physically and financially. The average attendance is around 65 people. Please continue to be in prayer for it, the church is growing and has many needs. One need is classrooms, be in prayer that God will provide for this need; also be in prayer for Pastor Torres and his family. We thank and praise God for the success of this ministry and give Him all the glory, honor and praise. I would like to thank all who have been a part of this ministry in any way.

Sincerely,
Rev. Steve Butler

# "COUNTY BAPTIST DEDICATE HISPANIC MISSION" MAY 1, 1999

The Bladen Baptist Association Hispanic Mission's new worship center, located just north of White Lake on US Hwy 701, is finally a reality. The sparkling new Good Shepherd Baptist Mission was dedicated during a ceremony that took place on Saturday, almost exactly one year, to the day, after the concrete was poured for the footing. According to Director of Missions for the Bladen Baptist Association Dr. Mack Roberts, the center is the culmination of a dream that began several years ago when Steve Butler, pastor of Briar Branch Baptist Church had a vision that God was calling his church to begin a mission work with the Hispanic population in the area.

Butler discussed his vision with Roberts, the Association, and with the Baptist State Convention. They all agreed that an Hispanic Mission was needed in the area.

Butler brought the idea of the mission before his congregation and, with the church members' support, Briar Branch began holding services for Hispanics in November 1996.

An Hispanic Minister, Lorenzo Torres, was called to pastor the congregation and attendance at the Hispanic services mushroomed. Soon the ministry had grown to the point that it became obvious to Butler that it was time to find a permanent home for the new congregation.

According to Roberts, Butler broached the subject of finding a permanent location for the congregation with the Association. Association churches brought the idea to their congregations and soon, many of the Association's members enthusiastically supported the idea.

Plans for the new facility were soon underway and a volunteer effort was organized to get the project off the ground. After discussing the issue, the Association members decided that they could build the facility using volunteers from the various churches for a fraction of what it would cost to have it contracted. Members of the Association had built several houses over the last few years for indigent families.

After one of the Association's members, Henson Barnes, donated the land for the new mission, land clearing for the structure began in January 1998. Hundreds of volunteers from throughout the area, including some from other denominations, helped with the project over the next year.

"The financial contributions, donations of materials and merchandise too numerous to mention, and the work of hundreds of volunteers made this possible," Roberts said. "I have been overwhelmed at the generous response of the wonderful people of Bladen County. Every time there was a specific need someone stepped forward."

Using volunteer labor for almost all phases of the construction, the Association built the structure, valued at $236,000 including the cost of appliances and furniture, for only $105,000. The facility was completed with no indebtedness to the Association.

In addition to a fully equipped chapel and kitchen unit, the facility also contains complete living quarters for the pastor and his family.

With Roberts speaking in English and the Reverend Torres speaking interpreting in Spanish, Roberts told the large gathering at the Saturday service that the project could not have been accomplished without dedicated people doing God's work.

"As it was at Pentecost, we speak more than one language," Roberts said. "But we are, as believers in Jesus Christ, one in Him. We are here today for what He has done in providing this beautiful worship center and parsonage.

"God knows we all need one another, and thus, He knew you need the help and support of fellow Christians to help you get started. Thus He led the people of Bladen County and specifically the Bladen Baptist Association to be partners with you in providing a house of worship."

After the service was over, Lewis Dowless, of Dowless' Catering Service, provided heavy hors d'oeuvres for those attending.

# FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT
# HISPANIC PROJECT
# 1998-99

| Churches | Contributions 1997 | Contributions 1998/99 |
|---|---|---|
| Abbottsburg | -0- | 200.00 |
| Beards Chapel | 575.00 | 1250.00 |
| Bethel | 800.00 | 1000.00 |
| VBS | | 429.45 |
| Bladenboro, First | 800.00 | 1700.00 |
| Philathea & Mary Ida Bridger SS Class | | 125.00 |
| Briar Branch | 1000.00 | 7185.36 |
| Hispanic Mission | | 1500.00 |
| Butters | | 1000.00 |
| Center Road | 1000.00 | 5000.00 |
| Brotherhood | | 1000.00 |
| VBS | | 545.06 |
| Clarkton, First | 725.00 | 1011.00 |
| Community Mission-Disbanded | 4404.57 | |
| Council | 115.00 | -0- |
| Cypress Creek | -0- | -0- |
| Dublin, First | 1217.60 | 1500.00 |
| Elizabethtown | -0- | 7176.50 |
| B.F. Rollins SS Class | 1000.00 | 300.00 |
| Faith | -0- | 300.00 |
| Friendship | 309.30 | 1010.50 |
| Galeed | 1600.55 | 8170.55 |
| Grace | -0- | -0- |
| Hickory Grove | 1000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Lisbon | -0- | 1000.00 |
| Love Grove | 800.00 | -0- |
| Natmoore | -0- | -0- |
| New Center | 800.00 | 422.00 |
| Northside | 1000.00 | 2000.00 |
| Peace | -0- | -0- |
| Richardson | -0- | -0- |
| Riverside | 1200.00 | -0- |
| Sandy Grove | -0- | 1000.00 |
| VBS | -0- | 153.98 |
| Shady Grove | 800.00 | 1030.00 |
| Suggs Grove | -0- | 100.00 |
| Tar Heel | 877.00 | 1003.00 |
| West Bladenboro | 250.00 | 400.00 |
| White Lake | 1100.00 | 547.28 |
| VBS | | 203.00 |
| White Oak | 1826.00 | 1200.00 |
| VBS | | 81.29 |
| Whites Creek | 700.25 | 2000.00 |
| Zion Hill | 1010.00 | 2210.00 |
| **Carried over from 1997 Budget:** | | |
| Brotherhood | 530.05 | |
| Local Missions | 500.00 | |
| Hispanic Fund | 500.00 | |
| State Missions | 1855.79 | |
| Sales Tax | 1069.18 | |
| **Carried Over from 1996 Project:** | 840.69 | |
| H.D. & Gaynell Harris | | 100.00 |
| Superior Land & Timber (Timber from Lot) | | 751.65 |
| WMU Thrift Store | | 1000.00 |
| Wilma White | | 100.00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Nancy Hester | | 50.00 |
| Mack & Ella R. Roberts | | 100.00 |
| Cliffdale Mini Storage, Inc., Mr. Elwood Cain | | 1000.00 |
| White Lake Resort Ministry | | 1000.00 |
| Singletary United Methodist Church | | 400.00 |
| David Clark | | 1400.00 |
| Baptist State Convention/NC Mission Offering | | 1116.73 |
| NC Department of Revenue/Sales Tax | | 2632.50 |
| Hispanic Ministry/Refund/Church Mutual | | 1211.00 |
| Harvey Bedsole | | 100.00 |
| McKenzie Supply Co. (Refund) | | 124.87 |
| **TOTALS:** | **$30,205.98** | **$74,840.72** |

**GRAND TOTALS 1997 & 1998: $105,046.70**

**Paid Out Thru August 1999: $104,774.69**

**BANK BALANCE August, 1999** **$ 272.01** **"Ending Balance Hispanic Mission"**

## ASSOCIATIONAL MUSIC REPORT

To quote one of our recent hymnal introductions, "Our SONG is the one thing we most commonly enjoy amid the broad diversity of our Christian traditions. We meet in different types of buildings, we set our tempo at varied paces, our tones at varied levels. But we all still meet on the common ground of song...[our song is central] to the release of God's divine power *within, among* and *through* us - the many-membered body of Christ's living Church." In other words, the music we sing in our churches unites us like nothing else can. We may differ in many ways, but the music of the church has a power to weave a thread of common ground. Singing is not more powerful than the Word of God, or the Spirit of God, but *song* is a means by which ALL the people of God can join the two together. As a new year in the association begins, let us strive to use this tool God has given to unite our churches in our association. We are a diverse group right here in Bladen County, but we can all lift our voices in praise to the Father and Son.

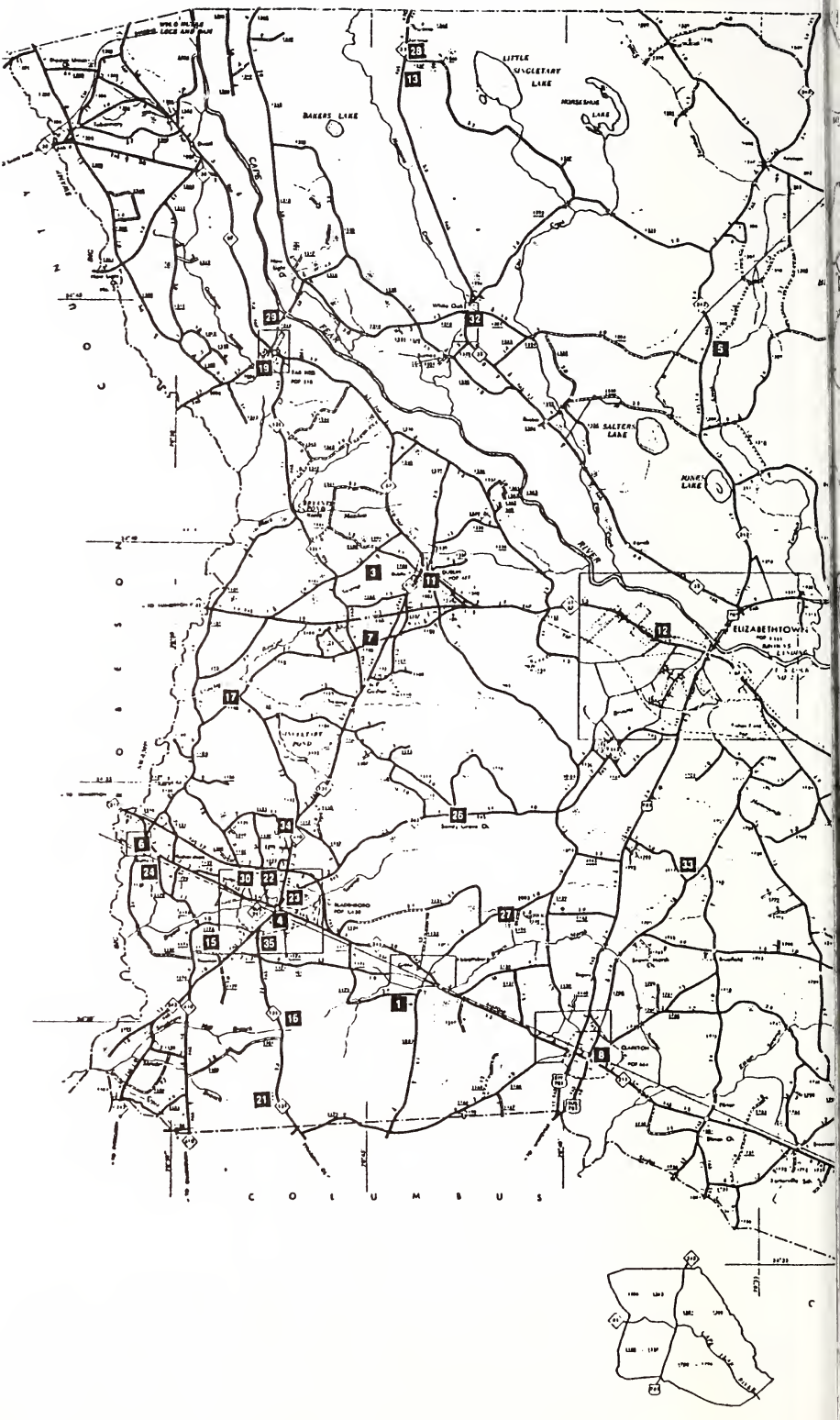
There are many plans in the works for this year as far as music in the Bladen Baptist Association. We have already held on Key-Leadership conference where many music leaders were led in using our hymnals more creatively to speak to the needs of our congregations. We have enjoyed a time of fellowship with each other at a covered-dish dinner. Other events that are tentative are the creation of a Music Library in the Association office - this will be a resource for churches for octavos and contatas; the forming of an Associational Choir to learn and perform a Missions contata together entitled, "Feed My Sheep"-this will be an outreach to the community; and various music workshops within the association.

Music is a mission in itself. It has been reaching people for Christ for centuries. Please pray for the musicians in your own churches. Encourage them. Pray for the ministry of music in your church. Let us all join together to reach people for the Lord through this gift of song.

Betsy Smith, Director

## EVANGELISM

As the newly elected evangelism director for our Association, I would like to express appreciation to Rev. Bob Boone for his leadership and service over the last several years. Many things were done under his leadership to expose Bladen County to the Gospel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ELIZABETHTOWN
COLUMBUS

## Churches of
## The Bladen Baptist Associaton

1. ABBOTTSBURG
2. BEARDS CHAPEL
3. BETHEL
4. BLADENBORO, FIRST
5. BRIAR BRANCH
6. BUTTERS
7. CENTER ROAD
8. CLARKTON, FIRST
9. COUNCIL
10. CYPRESS CREEK
11. DUBLIN, FIRST
12. ELIZABETHTOWN
13. FAITH
14. FRIENDSHIP
15. GALEED
16. GRACE
17. HICKORY GROVE
18. LISBON
19. LOVE GROVE
20. NATMOORE
21. NEW CENTER
22. NORTHSIDE
23. PEACE
24. RICHARDSON
25. RIVERSIDE
26. SANDY GROVE
27. SHADY GROVE
28. SUGGS GROVE
29. TAR HEEL
30. WEST BLADENBORO
31. WHITE LAKE
32. WHITE OAK
33. WHITES CREEK
34. ZION HILL
35. OASIS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
36. GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION

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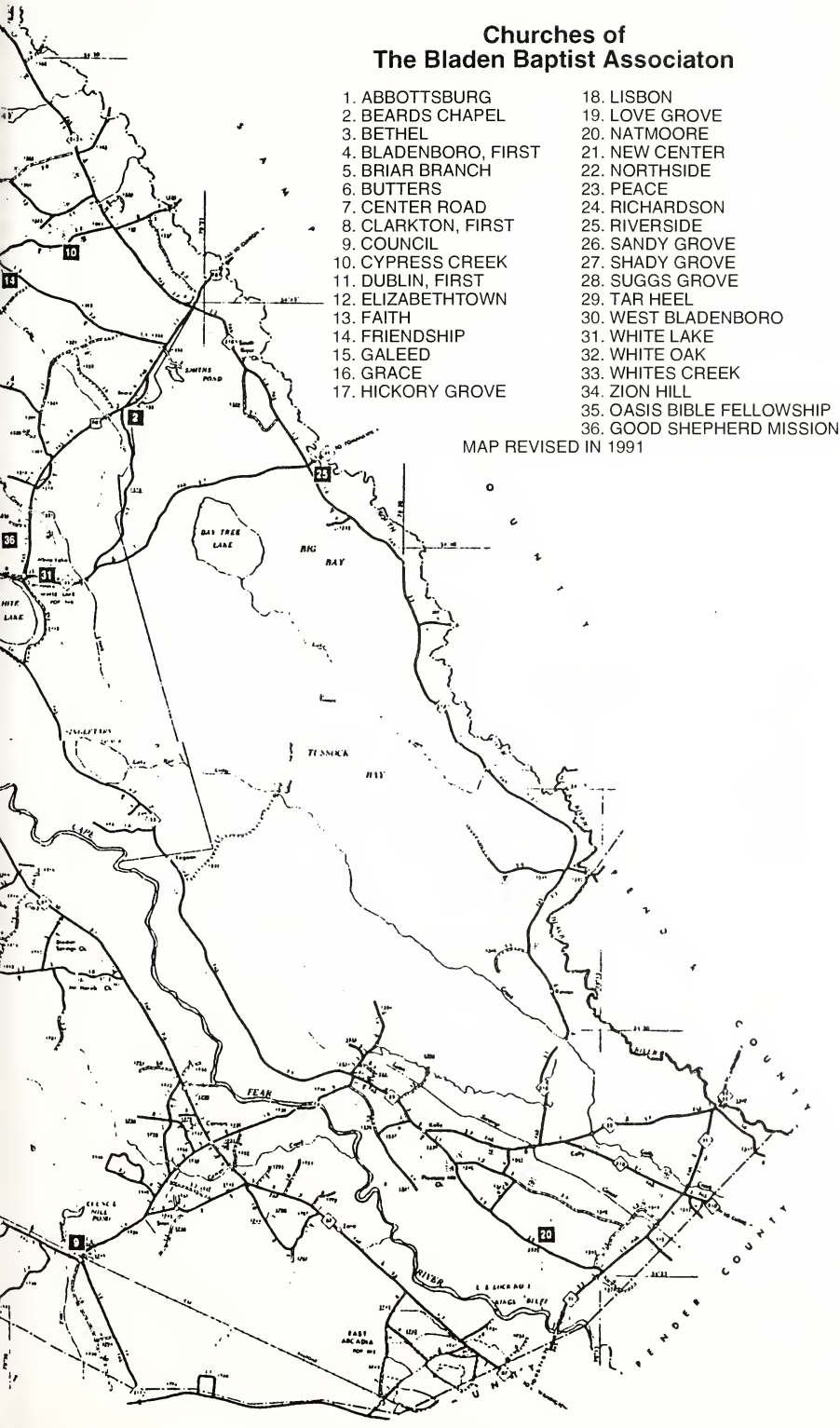


The task is still great. There are more lost among us than ever before. America is one of the largest mission fields in the world. North Carolina is approximately 50% unchurched or lost. Bladen county has many people living in it that do not know Jesus Christ as Savior. Jesus said it this way: "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." (Luke 10:2)

Please be in much prayer for our Evangelism Committee that we can catch the vision God has for us this year in our Association regarding evangelism. We must do all we can to reach the lost among us at any cost. Over the next few months we plan to introduce certain evangelism tools to you which should prove helpful in reaching out. ***Praying Your Friends To Christ*** is a prayer-triplet process where three agree to meet weekly to pray for the names of nine who are lost. We hope to have this in place association wide during this year. The ***Jesus Video*** has been shown around the world with tremendous success. We hope to have a copy of it in the home of every unchurched person in Bladen County this year. And there are other plans in the works. We hope to take advantage of every opportunity where there is a gathering of people to have a Gospel presentation presented to them on their level and in their language.

We need your prayer and support. As Jesus said, "...pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest." Prayer is the tool which bestows the power of God upon he works He has for us.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce E. Cannon, Chairman
Evangelism Committee

## LEISURE MINISTRY REPORT

| Campsite | Number Of Services | Attendance | Average Attendance | Offerings |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Harolds | 18 | 215 | 12 | $ 243.60 |
| Lakeside | 18 | 89 | 5 | $ 86.01 |
| Langston | 18 | 442 | 25 | $1,282.67 |
| Marshburn | 18 | 291 | 16 | $ 172.20 |
| Regal Resort | 19 | 651 | 34 | $ 935.00 |
| Tar Heel | 19 | 484 | 25 | $ 263.07 |
| **TOTALS** | **110** | **2172** | **20** | **$2,982.55** |

Included in the offering from Langston is a donation in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Keith Dowd for the good job they did during the summer.

A special thank you to all the workers this year. Rev. Mark Forrester and Mr. Keith Dowd donated their mileage.

**EXPENDITURES:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Tracts | $ 10.40 | |
| Witness Group | $ 500.00 | |
| Hospice Tournament | $ 32.36 | |
| Jimmy Cain | $ 250.00 | |
| Clayton Tyndall | $ 300.00 | |
| Ray Bledsole | $ 351.00 | |
| **Total Expenditures** | **$1,443.76** | |
| October 3, 1998 Balance | | $3,064.95 |
| Offerings | | $2,982.55 |
| Bladen Baptist/State Convention | | $1,230.72 |
| Total Cash to Date | | $7,278.22 |
| Less Listed Expenditures | | $1,443.76 |
| September 30, 1999 Balance | | $5,834.46 |
| Balance on CD | $6,415.01 | |

Respectfully Submitted
By Joyce H. Thomas

## DOM-RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Christian life is filled with many paradoxes: one has to die to live, has to give in order to get, and has to humble himself to be exalted. I am certain that every Bladen Baptist can relate to this concept with regard to Dr. and Mrs. Roberts. We are very saddened to see them leave their positions in our association, yet are very excited about what the Lord is going to do with and through them in the future.

I am certain that I speak for everyone in our association when I express our thanksgiving to them for their dedication, leadership, and love toward Bladen Baptists. Dr. and Mrs. Roberts have been excellent examples of having the heart of a servant and of teamwork not only for Bladen Baptists, but others also.

Please be in much prayer as our association goes through the process of searching for a new Director of Missions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce E. Cannon, Chairman
DOM Relations Committee

## ORDINATION COUNCIL REPORT
## 1999

The Ordination Council of your association stands ready to assist churches in questioning and recommending any member of the local congregation for ordination who has given evidence of being called of God to the Gospel Ministry; has been licensed by their church and called to a pastoral position.

The Ordination Council of Bladen Baptist Association questioned and recommended for Ordination the following candidate to the following church for ordination:

**Mike Smith to Lisbon Baptist Church**

During the coming year let us **"pray therefore to the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers" into the fields which are white unto harvest".**

Ordination Council
Chairman, Rev. James Brooks

## DEACON CONSULTANT REPORT
## 1999

Throughout scripture the Lord God reals His concern for those in need: the widow, the orphan, the stranger and the homeless.

The Lord Jesus in His earthly ministry showed care and compassion to those in need: He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and raised the dead.

The New Testament church carries on this work of the concern for the needy through the office of the Deacon.

This past year the Bladen Baptist Association has tried to see that this is done by: attending the Key-Leadership Conference at Camp Caswell in May. Some churches have trained their Deacons in the Deacon Family Ministry plan. There was a Key-Leadership conference held at the Elizabethtown Baptist Church in August, with a good number of Deacons and Pastors present.

Plans are in the working for a Deacon/Spouse retreat at the FFA Camp at White Lake in April of 2000.

Rev. David Rutland
Deacon Consultant

# 1999 ANNUITY BOARD REPORT TO THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

The world of money management uses the term added value in absolute terms to describe increase in return on an investment. The Annuity Board always is concerned for added value. The Board exists to help participants ensure their security in old age. No one can save enough money to live comfortably in retirement without solid investment returns and compounding of value over time. The Annuity Board aims to multiply account values by providing a variety of investment funds that can match every participant's goals and risk tolerance.

The Church Annuity Plan is the retirement plan designed for pastors, other ministers and eligible employees. It is administered by tile Annuity Board in partnership with state conventions.

Ministers and other employees who are enrolled when they begin church employment are in position to reap the benefits of compounded earnings on their retirement contributions. Those who delay or make inconsistent contributions face the risk of reaching old age in less than adequate financial condition.

In 1998, the Annuity Board paid over $389 million in retirement benefits, withdrawals and Relief to Southern Baptist church and institutions employees. Unfortunately, nearly 10,000 retired ministers or their widows received no more than $200 a month in benefits. The Annuity Board and state annuity representatives make vigorous educational and promotional efforts to encourage adequate contributions to individual accounts in the Church Annuity plan and Convention Annuity Plan Hut we are reminded by Jesus that the poor always will be with us. These dear servants of yesterday must not be forgotten while we prepare for the tomorrows of current ministers and other staff members.

The Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative program provides more than $1 million annually that is distributed in Relief payments to some 700 couples or individuals in desperate financial need. The Annuity Board adds an equal amount from the Retired Ministers' Support Fund and another $2.5 million in Adopt An Annuitant benefits. Every cent given for Relief or Adopt An Annuitant finds its way to a needy person or couple. We are dependent on direct gifts from concerned individuals and groups to provide about $3 in addition to each Cooperative Program dollar received. No Cooperative Program money is used for Annuity Board operations.

The Annuity Board paid more than $108 million in insurance benefits last year, preventing financial disasters to persons and families stricken with illness, disability, accident or death.

The Annuity Board distinguishes itself in money management with a commitment to values in a moral and ethical sense. During the fall of 1998 the Annuity Board adopted a values statement that serves as a reminder to staff and a commitment to participants that we will

**Seek excellence**
Exhibit faithfulness
Reflect integrity
Value compassion, and
Exemplify servanthood.

**Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Statistics AS of July 31, 1999:**

Number of active participants in the Church Annuity Plan: **4,172**
Percentage of churches active in the Church Annuity Plan **60%**
Number at persons receiving retirement benefits: **2,747**
Number helped by the Adopt An Annuitant and Relief ministries: **372**

If you want more information about Annuity Board products and services, call us toll-free at **1-800-262-0511,** call your Baptist state **annuity representative or visit our Web site at www.absbc.org** We want to serve you.

**Annuity Board of the**
**Southern Baptist Convention**
**P.O. Box 2190**
**Dallas, Texas 75221-2190**

# 1999 HISTORICAL EVENTS

**Following are the historical events listed in the Annual Church Profiles:**

**Beards Chapel:** Building a new front on the church. The new addition will include two restrooms, an office and a conference room.

**Bladenboro, First:** On May 2, 1999, Dr. Russell T. Cherry, Jr., **Chair of Old Testament Studies** established at BTS of Richmond, Virginia.

**Butters:** Brotherhood started playground area for young children. Rev. Merle Johnson called on July 4, 1999 as pastor.

**Center Road:** Puppet Ministry - Children/Youth Discipleship Training Department. Mr. Ernest Smith ordained as a deacon September 19, 1999.

**Friendship:** Covered walkways were constructed leading from back and side doors of sanctuary and educational building. Completed in August 1999.

**Galeed:** (1) Accepted memorial gift to be used to prepare and furnish a church parlor. (2) Went on record as being opposed to a state-sponsored lottery. (3) Ordained one new deacon - Steven Smith.

**Lisbon:** Ordination of Rev. Michael Lee Smith. Started Puppet and Youth Ministry. Rev. Michael Lee Smith called as Pastor.

**Love Grove:** This past year our Puppet Ministry continued to grow. Extending state and county-wide at the 1999 Special Olympics in Raleigh, NC. We performed before many different people from all walks of life.

**West Bladenboro:** Bathroom added to church. Mr. Wayne Hester ordained as deacon.

**Whites Creek:** (1) Baby dedication January 31, 1999. (2) Rev. David Mull called as Pastor. (3) Two called to ministry, one of which was licensed. (4) Youth prison ministry at White Lake.

**White Lake:** Built new Fellowship Hall.

**White Oak:** During the 1998-99 church year, the members voted to recarpet the sanctuary, restain the sanctuary furniture, and repad the pews. Risers and new chairs will be placed in the choir loft. This work is scheduled to be completed in October of 1999.

# BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NC 1999 BOOK OF REPORTS

Three rocks beside her trailer house warned four-year-old Mamie not to tell anyone of the way her father was abusing her.

If she ever told, her father said, those stones would mark her grave and the graves of her two best friends.

"He had already killed my dog," says Mamie, now 16. "So I believed him."

When authorities discovered Mamie's abuse at the hands of her father, she was taken from him, and he was charged, but released on bond. He came to the house where Mamie was staying to kill the people in the house...and her. But he was subdued. She heard him through the wall threaten her death while she cowered inside.

Mamies mother, who left the family when Mamie was six weeks old, attended her father's trial, but only "to see if Mamie looked like me." Mamie never saw her.

George and Linda Hogan, believing "every child deserves a childhood," took Mamie in and raised her as their own. They met her while delivering communion elements to her grandmother.

"It's been a struggle, but you do the best you can," said Linda, who suffers with diabetic ulcers. After her 71-year-old husband had a second heart attack, Mamie became too much for the couple to handle.

She lives now at Moody Home, a structured value change home for girls in Franklin, one of 13 facilities operated by Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina.

*Shredding the Safety Net*

Mamie pressed the boundaries of love, and George and Linda weren't physically able to pull her back to safety.

"I tried to push the boundaries a little further and a little further, to see how far I could push before they snapped. Finally, they couldn't take it anymore," Mamie said.

Baptist Children's Homes serves families who "can't take it anymore," who have children or grandchildren whose behaviors are out of bounds.

*In 1998-99 BCH served 1,646 children and their families* through 13 facilities statewide, BCH operates residential campuses in Thomasville, Pembroke, Kinston and Clyde; a maternity home in Asheville; a teen mother/baby home in Lenoir; values change homes for girls in Franklin and Lenoir; therapeutic camping in Cameron; crisis cottage at the residential campuses and in Waynesville; and model day care in Thomasville.

Beginning with Easter 1999 and continuing through Thanksgiving 2000, BCH instituted a 20-month institutional emphasis of *"Quality Service Through Quality Relationships."* Michael C. Blackwell, president since 1983, is "committed to keeping our staff and our services fresh and vital to meet ever changing needs."

The emphasis places top priority on relationships to achieve the highest quality of service possible. The QSTQR operating theme will permeate every action, program and effort within the institution and without.

The word "quality" has been overused and under-realized, and it too often cloaks mediocrity with imagined value. There will be no such veneer at BCH.

*Building and Renovating*

BCH moved ahead its Odum Home campus in Pembroke to meet new challenges April 27, 1999 by dedicating two major campus renovations. Space for 10 boys was added to the old "main" building which was named Luther and Audrey Carter Hall, in honor of the donor couple who left their estate to BCH.

The former house used for a director's residence was renovated to serve five girls in transitional care and named for longtime trustee and supporters Abe and Jackie Elmore.

Total renovations increased capacity at Odum Home from 28 residents to 45. Additionally, 10 day students from Pembroke Middle School will be served at the Winifred Lindsay Education/Administrative Center. These students have issues to resolve that do not require them to be in residential care.

At Cameron Boys Camp May 4, two important staff lodges were dedicated: the A.J. Fletcher Lodge and the Hubert M. Craig Lodge. These lodges provide staff housing, a rare commodity in wilderness setting in which Cameron Boys Camp operates.

"North Carolinas largest family" is grateful to our North Carolina Baptist partners, as together, we help hurting children and heal broken families. To secure our new video about BCH, schedule a speaker or access services call (800) 476-3669.

David S. Clay, Trustee Chair
Michael C. Blackwell, President

## THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC. 1998 ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

During 1998, the Foundation provided assistance to individuals in establishing 28 endowment funds and 11 charitable remainder trusts totaling $1.4 million and received $3.8 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless

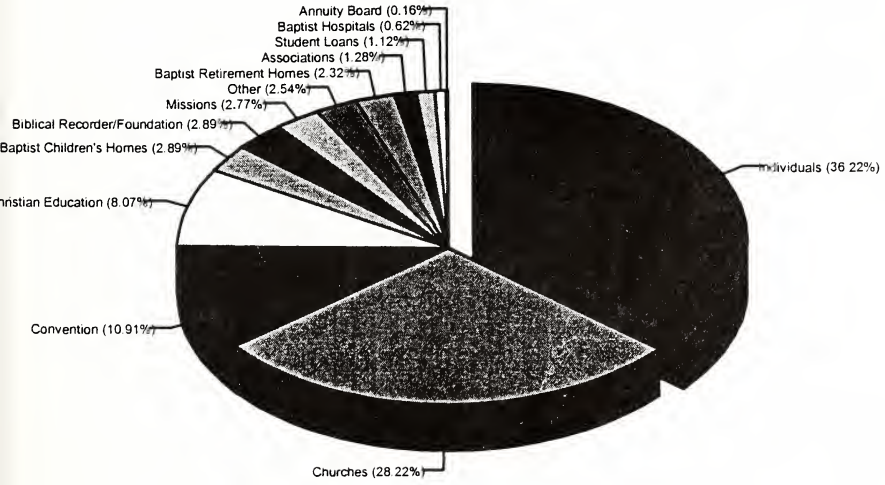
Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for 94 churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Some $639,000 from churches came under management to enhance numerous church ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. During the third quarter of 1998, the Foundation enhanced its position even more by engaging the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers in the country.

As of December 31, 1998, the Foundation held $80,874,628 under management. This is an increase of more than $8 million over 1997. During 1998, $1,741,923 was distributed to individuals and $2,772,599 to Baptist work for a total distribution of $4,514,522. During the 79-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., $14,217,160 has been distributed to individuals and $22,305,008 to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $36,522,168.

Robert Howard, Chair, Board of Directors
M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

**The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc.**
**1998 Distributions**




## REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS
## Meeting the Challenges of Health Care 1999

### HOSPITAL CARRIES THE TRADITION

In May of 1999, The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated celebrated 76 years of service to the community and the region. During these years the Hospital has been faithful to the vision of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. When the Hospital was birthed, the Convention stated the reason for doing so was: *to extend the healing ministry which was demonstrated by Jesus Christ.* Many challenges have been faced through these years, but the commitment to compassionately strive for innovative excellence has remained the same.

### BAPTIST BENEVOLENT CARE FUND

Baptist churches from all across North Carolina joined us in mututal mission through the Mother's Day Offering. This annual ingathering of love was approved by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in 1924. In 1998 the MDO amounted to $530,874. It was used exclusively to help patients who had little or no health care insurance or no other financial

means to pay their hospital bills. From the offering this past year, well over $200,000 was used to assist member of our Baptist churches in North Carolina. May God bless all those who supported us with prayers and gave so generously.

## DIVISION OF PASTORAL CARE

During the year, the Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education provided worship services in Davis Chapel on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, as well as services in the J. Paul Sticht Center. Chaplain supervisors, residents and interns made more than 50,000 ministry contacts last year. Seventy-five students graduated from the Department's fully accredited Clinical Pastoral Education program. Maurice Briggs retired from the Department in February after 30 years of service. He was known throughout the Hospital for his pastoral presence and the depth of his sensitivity and care.

The Department of Pastoral Counseling/CareNet, Inc. continues to expand its ministries. There are now 13 Christian counseling centers located in strategic areas from Franklin to Wilmington. During the year these professionally staffed centers will provide over 26,000 hours of Christian counseling.

The Center for Congregational Health, Inc. continues to expand its mission of helping congregations become healthier communities of faith. **Programs and assistance** offered to churches include: Consultation, Intentional Interim Ministry, and Leadership Development. **Resources for ministers** include: Young Leaders Program, Leadership Development Group, Interim Ministry Training, and Intentional Interim Ministry training.

## FACTS ABOUT WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER

- With more than 11,000 employees, four restaurants, two banks and a post office that handles more mail than some towns, the Medical Center has been called a city-within-a-city. We are the largest employer in Forsyth and Guilford counties.
- The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated has opened *BestHealth,* a community health information center, at Hanes Mall in Winston-Salem. The center will provide a library of books, audio and videotapes, limited Internet access, computer software and a variety of on-site programs to help area residents become better informed about their health and how to remain well.

  Building strong relationships with the community is important to us. A recent survey indicates that Medical Center employees donate more than 30,000 hours of volunteer service a year to more than 300 different organizations in our area.

## POINTS OF EMPHASIS AND PROGRESS

***Gamma Knife*** - The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated will have the only one in the state by this fall. Patients with inoperable or inaccessible brain lesions benefit from the availability of this noninvasive procedure that gives the same results as surgery but with no need to open the skull or make an incision. This procedure has been found to be three times more effective in treating recurrent cancerous brain tumors than other radiosurgical tools. The Gamma Knife uses radiation to destroy tumors, vascular malformations and other benign brain lesions with pinpoint accuracy without destroying healthy, normal tissue.

***Trauma Center*** - The Medical Center has the only designated Level I trauma center for northwest North Carolina. In the trauma center our goal is for the patient who needs surgery to be in an operating room 10 minutes after arriving at the Emergency Department. Surgeons, anesthesiologists and staff remain on duty 24 hours a day to handle such emergencies.

***NASCAR*** - The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated is working with Motor Racing Outreach (MRO) to serve the fitness and rehabilitation needs of NASCAR Winston Cup Racing. A mobile fitness and rehabilitation unit is being provided for NASCAR Winston Cup Racing drivers, crews and families.

***Ranked Among the Nation's Best*** - The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated is among the nation's best hospitals in ten of 16 specialties, according to rankings published in the July 1999 issue of *U.S. News & World Report.* These 10 areas are: cancer, cardiology and heart surgery, geriatrics, gynecology, neurology/neurosurgery, orthopaedics, otolaryngology, rheumatology, digestive tract, and urology.

***Newest Treatment for Epilepsy*** - Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center offers a new treatment for epilepsy - a "pacemaker for the brain" that can help control seizures in patients who are not helped by medication and are ineligible for surgery.
***Information and Appointments*** - For more information and to make an appointment with a physician, contact HEALTH ON-CALL® at 1-800-446-2255.

**A CLOSING WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT**
From the beginning in 1923, The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated has dared to reach and grasp that which others thought was impossible. For many years we have been thought of as a referral hospital where we received the most severe medical cases. Over the years we have become on the leading research centers in the Southeastern United States. Each role compliments the other. It is a great challenge to innovatively treat these extremely difficult cases and heartwarming to see our compassionate physicians and staff assist in the healing process. People have learned through the years to expect from us the very best in health care. We are committed to make sure that their highest expectations are always met or exceeded.

Respectfully submitted,
Len B. Preslar, Jr., President
The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated

## BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

*"Lord . . . you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance."*
-Psalm 15:5-6

Because of your generosity, Psalm 15 can be the testimony of over 500 elderly saints who reside at the Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina. Their lot is secure. They live in pleasant places. They have a delightful inheritance.

*". . . You have made my lot secure"*

Through Cooperative Program gifts and special offerings, Baptist Retirement Homes is providing $1.7 million in benevolent care for the elderly poor of North Carolina during 1999.

Additional benevolent funding will provide care at The Gardens at Taylor Glen, a new continuing care retirement community being built in the Concord/Cabarrus County area.

For the growing numbers of individuals and families facing life-changing decisions about care for their aging loved ones, Baptist Elder Care Network offers cost-free information from knowledgeable and caring resource counselors. Regardless of the aging-related issues families face, our statewide system of counselors can provide answers that are reliable and reassuring.

*". . . The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places."*

In June, the Fowler Memory Enhanced Residence at the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville was completed. This new area is designed to meet the needs of the many older adults who experience memory-related conditions, such as Alzheimer's Disease. At the Fowler unit, residents who perception of reality may change noticeably from day to day find stability in a "home-like" environment. They function more confidently amid the familiarity of a traditionally furnished living room, kitchen, dining room, and bedroom, and they sense peace and serenity as they wander among the flowers, fountains and walking trails of the garden area.

Similar facilities will soon be available at Baptist Retirement Homes' Brookridge Community in Winston-Salem and at the Gardens at Taylor Glen Community in Concord.

*". . . Surely I have a delightful inheritance."*

Being part of the Baptist Retirement Homes Family and resting comfortably in its care is a wonderful inheritance. Thank you for helping us make life for our elderly . . . The Best of Times!

Bill Stillerman, President
Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc.

# BIBLICAL RECORDER ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT
## July 1, 1999

The *Biblical Recorder* is the official news journal of North Carolina Baptists. The earliest version of the *Recorder* was founded in 1833 by Thomas Meredith, who had also been influential in the birth of the Baptist State Convention in 1830. The *Biblical Recorder* was owned and operated as a private enterprise in support of Baptist work in North Carolina until 1938, when the paper was purchased by the Baptist State Convention and incorporated as an agency of the convention.

A number of able editors have served the *Biblical Recorder,* which is widely acknowledged to be in the top echelon of state Baptist papers. The current editor is Tony W. Cartledge, whose tenure began on January 1, 1999.

The *Biblical Recorder* plays a strategic role in promoting God's kingdom work through North Carolina Baptists. On April 22, 1999, the Board of Directors of the *Biblical Recorder* adopted the following mission statement: ***"Our Mission is to further Christ's kingdom by providing relevant news, insightful opinions and supportive resources to North Carolina Baptists in a timely and accessible fashion."***

The *Biblical Recorder* belongs to all North Carolina Baptists, and appropriately reflects the geographical, ecclesiological, and theological diversity that is typical of the churches making up the Baptist State Convention. The editors and staff of the *Recorder* work diligently to offer a fair and balanced presentation of the news that most affects the life and ministry of North Carolina Baptists. Opinions advanced through editorials, letters, and analytical essays help to spark the thinking of North Carolina Baptists who want to make up their own minds about important issues. Feature stories about notable or innovative activities of churches and associations, regular reports on partnership missions efforts, and weekly commentaries on the most popular Sunday School lessons offer ideas, encouragement, and inspiration to readers of the *Recorder*.

To communicate more effectively and to present the most important news in a more timely fashion, the *Biblical Recorder* has developed a popular presence on the World Wide Web. The *Recorder's* website at *lhttp://www.biblicalrecorder.org* offers Internet users an opportunity to read much of each paper's content several days before printed versions arrive. This is particularly helpful during convention meetings and at other times when frequent updates are desirable. As time and resources allow, additional features will be added to make the website an even more valuable source of information for North Carolina Baptists.

The *Biblical Recorder* works in partnership with the Baptist State Convention, and receives annual support from Cooperative Program Gifts as an agency of the Convention. This support makes it possible to offer the *Recorder* at very affordable subscription rates. Currently, the annual rates are:

- Church News Service (incorporates church newsletter into the *Recorder*) - $6.36
- Every Home Plan (20%+ of church families, paid through the church budget) - $7.42
- Club Plan (4 or more persons in a church subscribe together) - $8.48
- Individual Subscription - $10.60

Subscription packets and free sample issues are available. For more information, please contact:

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Jeff Roberts, Chair, Board of Directors
Tony W. Cartledge, Editor/President

# CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE OF NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS 1999

It is a joy for the Christian Action League of North Carolina to serve the churches of this great state. We continue to work to inform the Christian community about the moral issues that face our state and nation. Our goal is to address these issues with the principles of God's Word, the cornerstone of all truth.

## A. Christian Values

- It was the pleasure of the Christian Action League to be one of the sponsors of the Fourth Annual Christian Heritage Week of North Carolina held in March. The League encouraged schools, churches and communities to recognize, commemorate and learn about the Christian heritage and history of our nation. CAL assisted in sponsoring a state-wide essay contest for high school students (public, private and home schools) and presented state winners with awards for excellence.
- Continued to promote Christian citizenship throughout the churches and communities of our state. CAL has distributed over 14,000 copies of the Ten Commandments to churches, businesses, schools and homes across North Carolina. Promoted Sanctity of Human Life Sunday and the National Day of Prayer statewide.
- Held a Church Leadership Legislative Day on April 6, 1999. The purpose of this day was to have pastors and church leaders to come together and enjoy fellowship, meet and hear some of our legislators and become more aware of how state government and the legislative process works.
- Promoted awareness of the worldwide persecution of Christians through faxes, emails and newsletter.

## B. Gambling

Lottery proponents continue in their efforts to bring a state-sponsored lottery to North Carolina. Four lottery bills were introduced this session. CAL monitors these efforts and updates the Christian community on lottery information through letters, calls and our fax and electronic mail networks. Lawmakers have continued to receive a barrage of communications from across the state saying that the lottery is a bad bet for North Carolina.

## C. Sex Education

Worked with other Christian and pro-family groups to see that the state mandate for Abstinence Until Marriage education is implemented state-wide. Also, supported efforts to insure that federal grant money designated to promote abstinence education was used properly. Informed citizens and legislators concerning attempts to fund school-based clinics in North Carolina schools.

## D. Abortion

CAL monitored SB 349/HB 1066 (Act to Ban Partial Birth Abortion), this legislation would have made this type of abortion a class H felony for anyone who performed the late-term procedure. This bill died in committee. Successfully encouraged legislators to limit the State Abortion Fund to cases resulting only from rape, incest and the life of the mother. In the last four years, only one abortion has occurred under these circumstances using tax-payer funds.

## E. Alcohol

CAL monitored all legislation concerning alcohol and other drugs. Successfully supported efforts to strengthen DWI laws. Assisted communities in organizing committees to fight alcohol and drug use. Informed citizens statewide about legislation that would have approved alcohol sales without the vote of the people. Four bills were introduced this session that would have permitted alcohol sales without a voter referendum; SB 17, SB 173, SB 606, SB 607 and HB 1043. Provided awareness, education and resource materials related to substance abuse problems to churches, communities, etc.

## F. Pornography

Worked against HB 1248 which would have allowed individuals to perform in the nude if it "occurs as part of a play, dance, performance or artistic creation that contains serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value." The bill died in committee.

G. Homosexuality

CAL supports efforts to strengthen the traditional family and continues to monitor and inform the public about the activities of those who promote the radical homosexual agenda. HB 884 and SB's 701, 884 and 759 were all introduced to promote the acceptance of homosexuality as an alternative lifestyle. CAL with other like-minded organizations fought these bills and they were defeated. Worked against HB 1398 (Needle Exchange Program) which would have allowed the state to furnish free needles to drug users using tax-payer dollars.

For A Better North Carolina,
Reverend Johnny R. Henderson
Executive Director
Joe S. Lennon, President

## COUNCIL ON CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION
### Baptist State Convention of North Carolina
### 1999

Campbell (www.campbell.edu) • Chowan (www.chowan.edu)
Gardner-Webb (www.gardner-webb.edu) • Mars Hill (www.mhc.edu)
Wingate (www.wingate.edu)
Fraternal Institutions: Meredith (www.meredith.edu) • Wake Forest (www.wfu.edu)

"N.C. Baptists have been involved in Christian higher education literally since the day the Baptist State Convention (BSC) was born," wrote Dr. Jim Royston, Executive Director-Treasurer, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, for *The Biblical Recorder.*

Dr. Royston's correct. North Carolina Baptists have placed a high priority upon Christian higher education through the years. As a result, a large number of our pastors, staff ministers, and layleaders have been educated by one of our Baptist institutions, helping our churches develop as places where the Gospel is treasured and Christ is honored.

Maintaining close ties to our churches and associations is important to our institutions. This is one of the primary missions of the Council on Christian Higher Education. Founded in 1944, the Council seeks to foster good communications between our churches, associations, and institutions of higher education.

Divinity schools and centers for congregational growth serve as positive demonstrations of our institutions' desire to enhance the life in our churches and associations. Current and future leaders are being trained through these facilities.

According to the Executive Director of the Council on Christian Higher Education, Dr. Wayne D. Wike, "North Carolina Baptist are fortunate to have administrators and faculty members who are committed to enriching the life of our Convention."

Gifts to the Cooperative Program assist in helping our institutions fulfill their missions. Members from cooperating churches are eligible, as a result, to be considered for scholarships to attend one of our colleges or universities. In addition, North Carolina Baptists who meet the admission requirements for the divinity schools at Campbell and Gardner-Webb Universities are eligible to receive $8,100 grants toward their theological education. Students who choose to attend another divinity school are eligible to receive $3,000 toward their educational expenses. All of these are made possible as a result of gifts presented to the Cooperative Program of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

As Dr. Royston wrote, "Baptist colleges are still a priority of our state Convention. It is my hope and dream that more and more students from our churches will attend our schools, and graduate as leaders for our state and nation, as well as for our churches."

Our colleges and universities share Dr. Royston's hope and dream. They, too, believe graduates from our campuses will make a difference in our state, nation, and Convention.

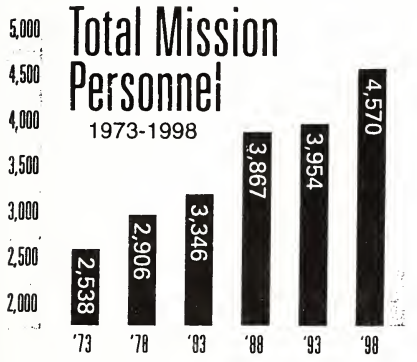
Council on Christian Higher Education
PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512-1107 / 800-395-5102 / 919-467-5100 ext. 185

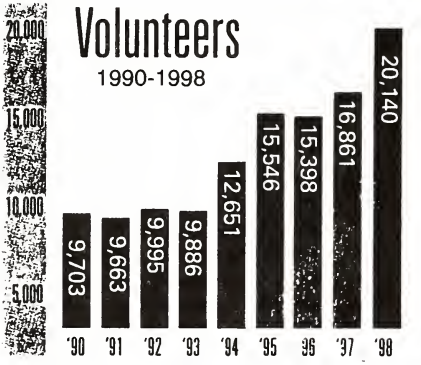
*The Unfinished Task: Loving the Lost*
**Week of Prayer for International Missions**
**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**
**November 28-December 5, 1999**
**Offering goal: $125 Million**

**The Week of Prayer for International Missions and annual mission study** are opportunities for churches to give, pray and join God on mission to share the gospel with a lost world. Information is available from the Woman's Missionary Union and in the November 1999 issues of **The Commission magazine and the On Mission With God video series.**

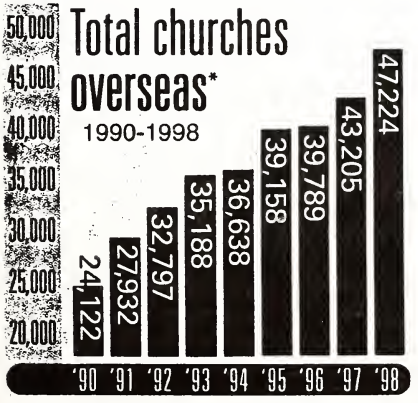
God has called His people to proclaim His name among all peoples. This is our task. But 2,161 "nations," or people groups, live in an area called The Last Frontier - the part of the world with little or no access to the gospel of Jesus Christ. That is 1.7 billion people who have virtually no chance of hearing the gospel.

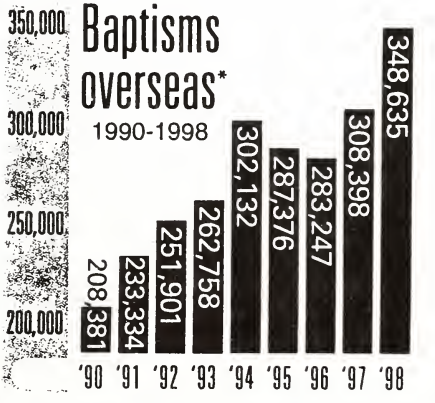
**"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matthew 28:19, KJV**




**"Look at the nations and watch - and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told." Habakkuk 1:5, NIV**




God is working in unprecedented ways through Southern Baptists and Baptist partners overseas with whom IMB missionaries are affiliated. Last year 348,635 baptisms were reported and 4,251 churches were started on mission fields around the world. The total membership of overseas Baptist churches exceeded 4.4 million in 1998.

# In Memorial

**ABBOTTSBURG**
None

**BEARDS CHAPEL**
Mrs. Lettie B. Johnson

**BETHEL**
Mrs. Margaret Butler
Mr. C.D. Kinlaw

**BLADENBORO, FIRST**
Mr. John MacRae Bridger
Miss Clara Lennon

**BRIAR BRANCH**
Mr. Earl McMillian

**BUTTERS**
Mr. Eric Pait
Mrs. Vivian Storms
Mrs. Doris H. Sykes

**CENTER ROAD**
Mrs. Bessie Butler
Mrs. Celie Dowless
Mr. Michael Hickman
Mr. Wilton Pait
Mr. Frank Pait, Deacon

**CLARKTON, FIRST**
Mr. Wilbur Atkinson, Deacon
Mrs. Sarah Hall
Mrs. Nancy Long
Mr. Singletary Sanderson
Mr. Floyd Stubbs

**COUNCIL**
Mrs. Gertrude Caulk
Mrs. Evelyn Owens
Mrs. Mary Ruth Squires

**CYPRESS CREEK**
None

**DUBLIN, FIRST**
Mrs. Mary Ann Brisson

**ELIZABETHTOWN**
Mrs. Alease Blackburn
Mrs. Lillian Campbell
Mr. Currie Hair
Mrs. Edith Haire
Mr. Hal Shaw
Mrs. Naomi Tatum

**FAITH**
Mrs. Mildred Edge

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Mr. George Beasley
Mr. Milton Evans

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Mr. White Davis
Mrs. Esther W. Edwards
Mr. Charles I. Hayes
Mr. Carlton Lennon, Deacon
Mrs. Dorothy B. Lupo
Mr. James E. Merritt, Deacon
Mr. Levy Pait

**GRACE**
Mr. Paul Russ

**HICKORY GROVE**
Mr. Leon Allen
Mrs. Melba Davis
Mr. E.C. Shaw

**LISBON**
None

**LOVE GROVE**
Miss Gayle Odom
Mrs. Berlene Smith Monroe

**NATMOORE**
None

**NEW CENTER**
None

**NORTHSIDE**
Mrs. Marie Bullard
Dr. Paul T. Forrester, Pastor
Mr. Johnny Earl Johnson

**PEACE**
None

**RICHARDSON**
Mrs. Mae Byrd Singletary

**RIVERSIDE**
Mr. Ricky Thompson

**SANDY GROVE**
Mrs. Laura Brumfield
Mrs. Narcie Dove
Mrs. Hazel Long

**SHADY GROVE**
Mrs. Emma Britt

**SUGGS GROVE**
Mr. Vermon Edge, Deacon

**TAR HEEL**
Mrs. Jessie Devane
Mr. Thomas Singletary

**WEST BLADENBORO**
Mrs. Belle Peterson

**WHITE LAKE**
Mr. Scott Hardee
Mr. Michael W. Hoffman
Mr. Weldon Meares, Deacon
Mrs. Maria Sutton
Mrs. Rosa Sweezy

**WHITE OAK**
Mrs. Evelyn Bryan
Mr. Harry M. Bryan
Mrs. Lena Suggs
Mrs. Flossie Tatum

**WHITES CREEK**
Mr. Scott Priest
Mrs. Elma Regan

**ZION HILL**
Mrs. Hazel Russ

When evening comes, there will be **light.**
Zechariah 14:7

*Bladen Baptist Association* *Treasurer - David Clark*

# GIFTS FOR BUDGET
## YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 1999

| | YEAR-TO-DATE |
|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG | 3,130.98 |
| BEARD'S CHAPEL | 600.00 |
| BETHEL | 2,124.92 |
| BLADENBORO, FIRST | 7,200.00 |
| BRIAR BRANCH | 600.00 |
| BUTTERS | 1,600.00 |
| CENTER ROAD | 4,052.36 |
| CLARKTON, FIRST | 4,466.69 |
| COUNCIL | 1,200.00 |
| CYPRESS CREEK | 1,627.08 |
| DUBLIN, FIRST | 2,688.00 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | 8,000.00 |
| FAITH | 748.50 |
| FRIENDSHIP | 2,049.72 |
| GALEED | 8,140.00 |
| GRACE | 200.92 |
| HICKORY GROVE | 1,385.00 |
| LISBON | 1,328.83 |
| LOVE GROVE | 300.00 |
| NATMOORE | 100.00 |
| NEW CENTER | 200.00 |
| NORTHSIDE | 2,361.60 |
| PEACE | 0.00 |
| RICHARDSON | 0.00 |
| RIVERSIDE | 2,500.00 |
| SANDY GROVE | 3,230.00 |
| SHADY GROVE | 2,554.95 |
| SUGGS GROVE | 1,850.00 |
| TAR HEEL | 5,077.32 |
| WEST BLADENBORO | 1,600.00 |
| WHITE LAKE | 2,910.66 |
| WHITE OAK | 1,800.00 |
| WHITE'S CREEK | 2,244.29 |
| ZION HILL | 2,100.00 |
| **TOTAL CHURCH GIFTS** | **79,971.82** |
| HISPANIC (MISSION) | 524.15 |
| OASIS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP | 704.13 |
| WMU THRIFT SHOP | 8,000.00 |
| WHITE LAKE PRISON | 0.00 |
| STATE CONVENTION | 0.00 |
| REIMBURSE COPIES | 0.00 |
| NC SALES TAX REFUND | 1,152.36 |
| SEMINARY EXTENSION | 0.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 1,838.55 |
| ANNUALS | 0.00 |
| UKRAINE GIFTS | 0.00 |
| | **92,191.01** |

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|---|---|
| BUDGET GIFTS TO DATE | 92,191.01 |
| BUDGET NEED TO DATE | 92,863.00 |
| BEHIND BUDGET GOAL | - 671.99 |

*Bladen Baptist Association* *Treasurer - David Clark*

# BUDGET SUMMARY FOR
# YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 1999

| BUDGET ITEM | | AMOUNT | YR-DATE | ITEM BAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **100** | **EDUCATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL MINISTRIES** | | | |
| 101 | Sunday School | 800.00 | 771.13 | 28.87 |
| 102 | Discipleship Trng. | 600.00 | 210.37 | 389.63 |
| 103 | Brotherhood | 800.00 | 239.86 | 560.14 |
| 104 | W.M.U. | 1,000.00 | 723.64 | 276.36 |
| 105 | Missions Development | 300.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 |
| 106 | Music | 300.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 |
| 107 | Evangelism | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 |
| 108 | Pastoral Care | 500.00 | 210.39 | 289.61 |
| 109 | Audio Visuals | 400.00 | 96.25 | 303.75 |
| 110 | Associational Admin. | 300.00 | 248.02 | 51.98 |
| 111 | Seminary Extension | 300.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 |
| 112 | Special Training | 350.00 | 203.32 | 146.68 |
| 113 | Local Missions | 700.00 | 286.00 | 414.00 |
| 114 | Youth Ministry | 600.00 | 590.62 | 9.38 |
| **200** | **ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES** | | | |
| 201 | Postage | 1,500.00 | 1,510.26 | -10.26 |
| 202 | Office Supplies | 3,000.00 | 2,921.18 | 78.82 |
| 203 | Equipment & Maint. | 1,900.00 | 2,088.97 | -188.97 |
| 204 | Utilities | 3,000.00 | 2,922.90 | 77.10 |
| 205 | Bldg. & Grounds | 2,000.00 | 842.50 | 1,157.50 |
| 206 | Insurance | 1,400.00 | 1,379.00 | 21.00 |
| 207 | Books & Literature | 300.00 | 236.55 | 63.45 |
| 208 | Ser. Min. Car, Travel | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 |
| 209 | Convention & Assemb. | 1,000.00 | 844.99 | 155.01 |
| 210 | Annuity (Retirement) | 7,145.00 | 7,144.92 | 0.08 |
| 211 | F.I.C.A. (DOM) | 5,186.02 | 5,186.02 | 0.00 |
| 212 | F.I.C.A. (Secretary) | 1,011.44 | 878.78 | 132.66 |
| 213 | Housing & Util. DOM | 11,884.00 | 11,884.00 | 0.00 |
| 214 | Medical Spend. Fund | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 0.00 |
| 215 | Annuals | 500.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| **300** | **SALARIES** | | | |
| 301 | DOM Salary | 17,757.00 | 17,757.00 | 0.00 |
| 302 | Secretary Salary | 13,221.00 | 10,943.46 | 2,277.54 |
| 303 | Clerk | 908.54 | 908.54 | 0.00 |
| **400** | **MISCELLANEOUS** | | | |
| 401 | Emergency | 250.00 | 175.00 | 75.00 |
| 402 | Christmas Gift DOM | 250.00 | 250.00 | 0.00 |
| 403 | Contingency | 200.00 | 200.00 | 0.00 |
| **500** | **HISPANIC MINISTRY** | | | |
| 501 | Hispanic Ministry | 6,000.00 | 6,500.00 | -500.00 |
| | **TOTALS** | **92,863.00** | **86,153.67** | **6,709.33** |

**YEAR ACCOUNT SUMMARY**

| ACCOUNT | BAL | RECEIPTS | TOTAL CSH | EXPENSES | END BAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Budget | 58,429.78 | 92,191.01 | 150,620.79 | 86,153.67 | 64,467.12 |
| Contingency Fund | 3,405.52 | 0.00 | 3,405.52 | 0.00 | 3,405.52 |
| Federal Taxes | 0.00 | 2,278.00 | 2,278.00 | 2,278.00 | 0.00 |
| F.I.C.A. | 0.00 | 815.68 | 815.68 | 815.68 | 0.00 |
| State Taxes | 0.00 | 1,116.81 | 1,116.81 | 1,116.81 | 0.00 |
| Leisure Ministry | 569.24 | 1,000.00 | 1,569.24 | 1,569.24 | 0.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 0.00 | 514.37 | 514.37 | 0.00 | 514.37 |
| Annuals 98 | 261.00 | 960.00 | 1,221.00 | 762.68 | 458.32 |
| White Lake Prison | 300.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 0.00 |
| Ukraine Scholarship | 8,661.34 | 4,300.00 | 12,961.34 | 12,961.34 | 0.00 |
| Forrester Memorial | 0.00 | 409.00 | 409.00 | 409.00 | 0.00 |
| Disaster Recovery | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Hurricane Floyd | 0.00 | 12,591.00 | 12,591.00 | 7,981.77 | 4,609.23 |
| BCBS Refund BSC | 0.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 285.00 | 15.00 |
| Celebrate Jesus 2000 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 |
| Annuals (1999) | 0.00 | 1,080.00 | 1,080.00 | 0.00 | 1,080.00 |
| "Jesus" Videos | 0.00 | 1,275.00 | 1,275.00 | 1,150.00 | 125.00 |
| **TOTALS** | **71,626.88** | **119,930.87** | **191,557.75** | **116,883.19** | **74,674.56** |

# TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR
# YEAR ENDING 1999

| CHURCHES | YEAR'S RECEIPTS |
|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG | 3,250.98 |
| BEARD'S CHAPEL | 636.00 |
| BETHEL | 2,268.92 |
| BLADENBORO, FIRST | 7,845.00 |
| BRIAR BRANCH | 600.00 |
| BUTTERS | 1,980.00 |
| CENTER ROAD | 4,422.36 |
| CLARKTON, FIRST | 5,556.69 |
| COUNCIL | 1,312.00 |
| CYPRESS CREEK | 1,645.08 |
| DUBLIN, FIRST | 3,006.00 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | 8,364.00 |
| FAITH | 854.50 |
| FRIENDSHIP | 2,269.72 |
| GALEED | 8,586.00 |
| GRACE | 200.92 |
| HICKORY GROVE | 1,625.00 |
| LISBON | 1,472.83 |
| LOVE GROVE | 556.00 |
| NATMOORE | 100.00 |
| NEW CENTER | 900.00 |
| NORTHSIDE | 3,921.60 |
| PEACE | 0.00 |
| RICHARDSON | 0.00 |
| RIVERSIDE | 2,500.00 |
| SANDY GROVE | 4,171.00 |
| SHADY GROVE | 2,897.95 |
| SUGGS GROVE | 1,850.00 |
| TAR HEEL | 5,095.32 |
| WEST BLADENBORO | 1,618.00 |
| WHITE LAKE | 3,118.66 |
| WHITE OAK | 1,848.00 |
| WHITES CREEK | 2,256.29 |
| ZION HILL | 3,378.00 |
| **TOTAL CHURCH GIFTS** | **90,106.82** |
| HISPANIC (MISSION) | 524.15 |
| OASIS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP | 704.13 |
| WMU THRIFT SHOP | 8,000.00 |
| WHITE LAKE PRISON | 0.00 |
| STATE CONVENTION | 5,800.00 |
| REIMBURSE COPIES | 0.00 |
| NC SALES TAX REFUND | 1,152.36 |
| SEMINARY EXTENSION | 0.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 6,926.92 |
| ANNUALS | 6.00 |
| UKRAINE GIFTS | 2,500.00 |
| **TOTAL INCOME** | **115,720.38** |

# BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

| | | 1999 BUDGET | 2000 PROPOSED BUDGET |
|---|---|---|---|
| **100** | **EDUCATIONAL AND MISSION MINISTRIES** | | |
| 101 | Sunday School (VBS $400.00) | $ 800.00 | $ 900.00 |
| 102 | Discipleship Training | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| 103 | Brotherhood | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| 104 | W.M.U. | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 105 | Missions Development | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 106 | Music | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 107 | Evangelism | 1,000.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 108 | Pastoral Care | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 109 | Audio Visual (Media) | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| 110 | Association Administration | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 111 | Seminary Extension | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 112 | Special Training | 350.00 | 350.00 |
| 113 | Local Missions | 700.00 | 600.00 |
| 114 | Youth Ministry | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| 115 | Disaster Recovery | | 5,500.00 |
| **TOTAL** | | **$ 7,950.00** | **$ 13,950.00** |
| **200** | **ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES** | | |
| 201 | Postage | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 202 | Office Supplies | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| 203 | Office Equipment & Maint. | 1,900.00 | 1,900.00 |
| 204 | Utilities | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| 205 | Bldg. & Grounds Maint. | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| 206 | Insurance | 1,400.00 | 2,125.00 |
| 207 | Books & Literature | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 208 | Services Ministries, Car, Travel | 5,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| 209 | Convention & Assemblies | 1,000.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 210 | Annuity (Retirement) | 7,145.00 | 1,800.00 |
| 211 | SS DOM (Reimbursement) | 5,186.02 | 4,900.00 |
| 212 | Social Security - Secretary | 1,011.44 | 1,062.00 |
| 213 | Housing & Utilities | 11,884.00 | 10,500.00 |
| 214 | Medical Spend. Fund | 1,500.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 215 | Annuals | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 216 | DOM-Books-Education | | 2,000.00 |
| 217 | DOM-Health-Disability Ins. | | 3,657.00 |
| **TOTAL** | | **$ 46,326.46** | **$ 43,744.00** |
| **300** | **SALARIES** | | |
| 301 | Director of Missions | 17,757.00 | 20,843.00 |
| 302 | Secretary Salary | 13,221.00 | 13,882.00 |
| 303 | Clerk | 908.54 | 954.00 |
| **TOTAL** | | **$ 31,886.54** | **$ 35,679.00** |
| **400** | **MISCELLANEOUS** | | |
| 401 | Emergency | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| 402 | DOM/Sec. Christmas Gift | 250.00 | 750.00 |
| 403 | Contingency | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| **TOTAL** | | **$ 700.00** | **$ 1,200.00** |
| **500** | **MISSIONS** | | |
| 501 | Hispanic Mission | 6,000.00 | |
| **GRAND TOTAL** | | **$ 92,863.00** | **$ 94,573.00** |

# HISTORICAL TABLE-BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October, 1892, the Cape Fear Associations met at Shady Grove Baptist Church. The Churches of Bladen County were called to a meeting later in October at Browns Creek Baptist Church to discuss the organization of a Bladen County Association. Delegates at the meeting decided to organize. On November 7, 1892, delegates from the churches of Bladen County met at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Lisbon, and organized the Bladen County Baptist Association. In the Historical Table this meeting is designated the First Annual Session.

| Session | Year | Church | Moderator | Clerk | Preacher |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 1892 | Mt. Pleasant | William Brunt | H.B. Register | W.S. Melvin |
| 2. | 1893 | Cypress Creek | William Brunt | H.B. Register | A.J. Broadax |
| 3. | 1894 | Galeed | William Brunt | F.S. Averitt | R.L. Byrd |
| 4. | 1895 | White Oak | William Brunt | F.S. Averitt | William Brisson |
| 5. | 1896 | Hickory Grove | William Brunt | F.S. Averitt | William Brunt |
| 6. | 1897 | Clarkton | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | C.E. Be |
| 7. | 1898 | White Oak | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | I.P. Hedgepeth |
| 8. | 1899 | Frenches Creek | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | E.J. Edwards |
| 9. | 1900 | Mt. Pleasant | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | W.S. Ballard |
| 10. | 1901 | Garland | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | H.C. Dillard |
| 11. | 1902 | Galeed | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | R.L. Byrd |
| 12. | 1903 | White Oak | W.S. Melvin | F.S. Averitt | R.L. Byrd |
| 13. | 1904 | Shady Grove | | F.S. Averitt | A.H. Porter |
| 14. | 1905 | White Lake | William Brunt | F.S. Averitt | J.S. Farmer |
| 15. | 1906 | Hickory Grove | R.M. Hilburn | F.S. Averitt | H.B. Humphrey |
| 16. | 1907 | White Oak | R.M. Hilburn | F.S. Averitt | P.T. Britt |
| 17. | 1908 | Abbottsburg | R.M. Hilburn | F.S. Averitt | Livingston Johnson |
| 18. | 1909 | White Lake | R.M. Hilburn | F.S. Averitt | P.O. Meeks |
| 19. | 1910 | Mt. Zion | R.H. Hilburn | F.S. Averitt | A.L. Betts |
| 20. | 1911 | White Oak | W.W. Woodhouse | F.S. Averitt | I.P. Hedgepeth |
| 21. | 1912 | Bethel | W.W. Woodhouse | F.S. Averitt | J.M. Flemming |
| 22. | 1913 | White Oak | W.W. Woodhouse | F.S. Averitt | J.M. Hester |
| 23. | 1914 | Bladenboro | N.A. Layton | F.S. Averitt | Livingston Johnson |
| 24. | 1915 | White Oak | N.A. Layton | F.S. Averitt | R.L. Boyd |
| 25. | 1916 | Bethel | N.A. Layton | F.S. Averitt | J.D. Howell |

| Session | Year | Church | Moderator | Clerk | Preacher |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 26. | 1917 | White Oak | N.A. Layton | F.S. Averitt | R.L. Byrd |
| 27. | 1918 | Elizabethtown | N.A. Layton | F.S. Averitt | R.L. Byrd |
| 28. | 1919 | White Oak | R.E. Powell | F.S. Averitt | R.E. Powell |
| 29. | 1920 | Center Road | R.E. Powell | F.S. Averitt | E.O. Johnson |
| 30. | 1921 | Elizabethtown | R.E. Powell | D.B. Johnson | R.E. Powell |
| 31. | 1922 | Hickory Grove | S.N. Watson | Seth Lewis | S.N. Watson |
| 32. | 1923 | White Oak | W.O. Biggs | Seth Lewis | W.D. Pridgen |
| 33. | 1924 | Galeed | S.N. Watson | Seth Lewis | S.N. Watson |
| 34. | 1925 | Love's Grove | S.N. Watson | Seth Lewis | W.O. Biggs |
| 35. | 1926 | Clarkton | W.O. Biggs | Seth Lewis | S.N. Watson |
| 36. | 1927 | White Oak | R.J. Hester | Seth Lewis | L.E. Dutton |
| 37. | 1928 | Whites Creek | W.D. Pridgen | Seth Lewis | S.N. Watson |
| 38. | 1929 | Bladenboro | W.D. Pridgen | Seth Lewis | W.O. Biggs |
| 39. | 1930 | Clarkton | W.D. Pridgen | Seth Lewis | W.A. Coleman |
| 40. | 1931 | Elizabethtown | W.O. Biggs | Seth Lewis | J.M. Page |
| 41. | 1932 | Hickory Grove | W.O. Biggs | Seth Lewis | R.J. Hall |
| 42. | 1933 | Bethel | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | C.R. Hinton |
| 43. | 1934 | Abbottsburg | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | E.A. Paul |
| 44. | 1935 | White Oak | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | J.C. Hough |
| 45. | 1936 | Tar Heel | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | Joel Johnson |
| 46. | 1937 | Sandy Grove | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | J.M. Page |
| 47. | 1938 | Center Road | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | W.O. Biggs |
| 48. | 1939 | White Lake | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | C.B. Horne |
| 49. | 1940 | Bethel | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | M.O Alexander |
| 50. | 1941 | Zion Hill | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | E.H. Canady |
| 51. | 1942 | Whites Creek | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | R.F. Marshburn |
| 52. | 1943 | Galeed | R.J. Hall | Seth Lewis | S.R. Goodman |
| 53. | 1944 | Clarkton | W.W. Woodhouse | Seth Lewis | H. Laughridge |
| 54. | 1945 | Hickory Grove | W.W. Woodhouse | Seth Lewis | C.S. Smith |
| 55. | 1946 | Bladenboro | W.W. Woodhouse | Seth Lewis | A.D. Frazier |
| 56. | 1947 | Cypress Creek | W.W. Woodhouse | Seth Lewis | A.P. Stevens |
| 57. | 1948 | Shady Grove | W.W. Woodhouse | Seth Lewis | C.P. Burchett |
| 58. | 1949 | Elizabethtown | W.W. Woodhouse | R.A. Britt | B.W. Howell |
| 59. | 1950 | Lisbon | W.W. Woodhouse | R.A. Britt | John A. Moore |

| Session | Year | Church | Moderator | Clerk | Preacher |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 60. | 1951 | Center Road | C.D. Brisson | R.A. Brit | J.B. Dasher |
| 61. | 1952 | Love's Grove<br>Clarkton | C.D. Brisson | Leon D. Smith | F.W. Naylor<br>M.M. Turner |
| 62. | 1953 | Dublin First<br>Sandy Grove | Leon D. Smith | John A. Moore | John H. McCrimmon<br>R.W. Walton |
| 63. | 1954 | Sandy Grove<br>Zion Hill | Leon D. Smith | John A. Moore | Mark Owens<br>Joel S. Johnson |
| 64. | 1955 | Bladenboro First<br>Hickory Grove | Leon D. Smith | Mrs. D.J. McDaniel | Dean L. Minton<br>T.H. Lambert |
| 65. | 1956 | Lisbon<br>Center Road | J.H. McCrimmon | Thomas Carroll | Jessie McLamb<br>Vance Tyson |
| 66. | 1957 | Dublin First<br>Shady Grove | Joe A. Campbell | Thomas Carroll | Earl Hales<br>J.C. Shaw |
| 67. | 1958 | Whites Creek<br>Bethel | Thomas A. Wolfe | Thomas Carroll | John H. McCrimmon<br>Joel S. Johnson |
| 68. | 1959 | Elizabethtown<br>Clarkton | E.R. Boyd | Thomas Carroll | Oren Honeycutt<br>Thomas Wolfe |
| 69. | 1960 | Cypress Creek<br>White Oak | Oren Honeycutt | Edd Nye | Thomas Wolfe<br>S.W. Jolly |
| 70 | 1961 | Galeed<br>Butters | Sidney Britt | Edd Nye | Jerry Wallace<br>Gaston Hester |
| 71. | 1962 | Dublin First<br>Riverside | Jerry Wallace | Walter Bryan | R.E. Carter<br>A.P. Stevens |
| 72. | 1963 | Northside<br>White Lake | Jerry Wallace | Walter Bryan | Jennis McLamb<br>Vance Tyson |
| 73. | 1964 | Suggs Grove<br>Sandy Grove | Eugene Gaskins | Walter Bryan | Joe Dempsey<br>L.W. McKeithan |
| 74. | 1965 | Bethel<br>Shady Grove | Eugene Gaskins | Leola G. McDaniel | Thomas Womble<br>Gaston Hester |
| 75. | 1966 | Zion Hill<br>Clarkton | Edd Nye | Leola G. McDaniel | Garland Bordeaux<br>J.O. Royal |
| 76. | 1967 | Bladenboro First<br>Whites Creek | Edd Nye | Leola G. McDaniel | Nathan C. Brooks<br>James C. Ray |

| Session | Year | Church | Moderator | Clerk | Preacher |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 77. | 1968 | Elizabethtown<br>Tar Heel | S.W. Jolly | Othella S. Heflin | O.L. Sherrill<br>Eddie Raynolds |
| 78. | 1969 | Center Road<br>Whites Creek | Thomas Womble | Othella S. Heflin | Perry Crouch<br>C.E. Brisson |
| 79. | 1970 | Hickory Grove<br>Beards Chapel | Porter Cain | Othella S. Heflin | Eual Lawson<br>Nash Odom |
| 80. | 1971 | Butters<br>White Lake | Nash Odom | Ruth W. Prince | R. Tom Green<br>Eugene Gaskins |
| 81. | 1972 | Abbottsburg<br>Galeed | Nash Odom | Ruth W. Prince | Joe Watterson<br>L.L.Barnes |
| 82. | 1973 | Dublin First<br>Suggs Grove | S.W. Jolly | Ruth W. Prince | Perry Crouch<br>Alfred N. Honeycutt |
| 83. | 1974 | Sandy Grove<br>Bethel | S.W. Jolly | Ruth W. Prince | Jimmy Morris<br>Robert Byrd |
| 84. | 1975 | West Bladenboro<br>Cypress Creek | J.C. Ray | Ruth W. Prince | J.N. Evans<br>Paul Forrester |
| 85. | 1976 | Whites Creek<br>Briar Branch | J.C. Ray | Virginia S. Gaskins | John Bunn<br>Walter Martin |
| 86. | 1977 | Riverside<br>Clarkton, First | Paul Forrester | Virginia S. Gaskins | Cecil Ray<br>George Langley |
| 87. | 1978 | Friendshuip<br>Zion Hill | Paul Forrester | Virginia S. Gaskins | Earl Henry<br>Roger Gilbert |
| 88. | 1979 | Elizabethtown<br>Bladenboro, First | Bruce Lanier | E.P. Lockamy | Bruce Lanier<br>Rupert Rivenbark |
| 89. | 1980 | Northside<br>Center Road | Bruce Lanier | E.P. Lockamy | Rupert Rivenbark<br>Bruce Lanier |
| 90. | 1981 | Bethel<br>White Oak | Charles Hester | E.P. Lockamy | Phillip McLean<br>Harold Shirley |
| 91. | 1982 | Hickory Grove<br>Suggs Grove | Charles Hester | E.P. Lockamy | Earl Farthing<br>Tim Sellers |
| 92. | 1983 | Lisbon<br>Tar Heel | Earl Farthing | E.P. Lockamy | Charles Allen<br>James D. Hester |
| 93. | 1984 | Riverside<br>Galeed | Harold Shirley | E.P. Lockamy | L.L. Barnes<br>Allen Grey |

| Session | Year | Church | Moderator | Clerk | Preacher |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 94. | 1985 | Sandy Grove<br>Dublin, First | Harold Shirley | E.P. Lockamy | Eugene Gaskins<br>Ernest Packer |
| 95. | 1986 | Suggs Grove<br>Shady Grove | James Brooks | Myrtle Lockamy | Carroll Fonvielle<br>Bervin Ferguson |
| 96. | 1987 | Faith<br>Love Grove | James Brooks | Myrtle Lockamy | William Harrison<br>Milton McCormick |
| 97. | 1988 | West Bladenboro<br>Galeed | Clyde Coates | Myrtle Lockamy | Tim Sellers<br>Bervin Ferguson |
| 98. | 1989 | Briar Branch<br>Bethel | Clyde Coates | Myrtle Lockamy | David Rutland<br>John Lott |
| 99. | 1990 | Abbottsburg<br>Friendship | Charles Little | Myrtle Lockamy | John Lott<br>Paul Forrester |
| 100. | 1991 | Lisbon<br>Elizabethtown | Charles Little | Myrtle Lockamy | Paul Forrester<br>Carroll Fonvielle |
| 101. | 1992 | Zion Hill<br>Cypress Creek | Jerry Beck | Myrtle Lockamy | Earl Farthing<br>Michael Thompson |
| 102. | 1993 | Sandy Grove<br>White Oak | Jerry Beck | Marjorie Smith | Dwight Cooper<br>Jerry Beck |
| 103. | 1994 | Suggs Grove<br>Northside | Jerry Beck | Marjorie Smith | David Rutland<br>Sidney Britt |
| 104. | 1995 | Tar Heel<br>Dublin | David Rutland | Virginia Gause | Sidney Britt<br>James Brooks |
| 105. | 1996 | Hickory Grove<br>Cypress Creek | David Rutland | Virginia Gause | James Brooks<br>Clyde Coates |
| 106. | 1997 | Center Road<br>Friendship | Michael Thompson | Virginia Gause | Bruce Cannon<br>Robert Boone |
| 107. | 1998 | Galeed<br>Clarkton, First | Michael Thompson | Virginia Gause | Oren Honeycutt<br>Dewey Jackson |
| 108. | 1999 | Zion Hill<br>White Lake | Darryl Hester | Virginia Gause | Steve Butler<br>Richard Smith |

# MEMBER AND CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION
## BLADEN

**Items Reported:**

1 - Total Membership
2 - Resident Membership
4 - Other Additions
5 - New Member Training
6 - Year Organized
7 - Year Pastor Came
8 - Location (A-J)
9 - AM Worship Att.
10 - Church-Type Missions Started
11 - Church-Type Missions Operating
12 - Lost/Unchurched
13 - Assoc. Mis. on % Basis
14 - Intercessory Prayer
Racial Ethnic Group (1-7)

| CONGREGATION | C/M | COUNTY | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | Race |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbottsburg | C | Bladen | 169 | 105 | 0 | 0 | 1870 | 1996 | A | 55 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| Beards Chapel | C | Bladen | 93 | 58 | 0 | 0 | 1888 | 1989 | A | 40 | 0 | 0 | Y | N | N | 1 |
| Bethel | C | Bladen | 362 | 308 | 7 | 6 | 1881 | 1988 | A | 95 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| Bladenboro First | C | Bladen | 426 | 290 | 7 | 0 | 1911 | 1993 | C | 180 | 0 | 0 | N | Y | N | 1 |
| Briar Branch | C | Bladen | 126 | 82 | 2 | 3 | 1845 | 1990 | A | 48 | 0 | 0 | Y | N | N | 1 |
| Butters | C | Bladen | 192 | 192 | 3 | 0 | 1932 | 1999 | A | 75 | 0 | 4 | N | Y | N | 1 |
| Center Road | C | Bladen | 391 | 244 | 3 | 0 | 1885 | 1994 | A | 150 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| Clarkton | C | Bladen | 352 | 207 | 4 | 6 | 1884 | 1989 | C | 79 | 0 | 0 | N | Y | Y | 1 |
| Council | C | Bladen | 90 | 46 | 1 | 0 | 1912 | 1998 | A | 25 | 0 | 0 | N | N | N | 1 |
| Cypress Creek | C | Bladen | 78 | 65 | 1 | 0 | 1853 | 1995 | A | 22 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| Dublin | C | Bladen | 357 | 357 | 16 | 0 | 1950 | 1998 | C | 125 | 0 | 0 | Y | N | N | 1 |
| Elizabethtown | C | Bladen | 435 | 375 | 10 | 0 | 1903 | 1996 | C | 225 | 0 | 0 | N | Y | N | 1 |
| Faith | C | Bladen | 79 | 61 | 0 | 0 | 1978 | 1995 | A | 30 | 0 | 0 | N | Y | Y | 1 |
| Friendship | C | Bladen | 132 | 99 | 3 | 0 | 1976 | 1999 | A | 80 | 0 | 0 | N | Y | N | 1 |
| Galeed | C | Bladen | 583 | 312 | 6 | 23 | 1876 | 1989 | A | 295 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| Good Shepherd Hispan | M | Bladen | 30 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 1995 | | A | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | 1 |
| Grace | C | Bladen | 73 | 70 | 1 | 0 | 1957 | 1957 | A | 70 | 0 | 4 | Y | Y | N | 1 |
| Hickory Grove | C | Bladen | 290 | 271 | 0 | 9 | 1834 | 1976 | A | 99 | 0 | 0 | N | N | Y | 1 |
| Lisbon | C | Bladen | 169 | 99 | 9 | 0 | 1870 | 1999 | B | 80 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| Love Grove | C | | 119 | 93 | 1 | 0 | 1872 | 1999 | B | 39 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| Natmoore | C | Bladen | 92 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 1862 | | A | 25 | 0 | 0 | N | N | N | 1 |
| New Center | C | Bladen | 155 | 105 | 1 | 0 | 1947 | 1986 | A | 48 | 0 | 0 | Y | N | Y | 1 |
| Northside | C | Bladen | 261 | 261 | 0 | 0 | 1954 | 1999 | C | 133 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| Peace | C | Bladen | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1989 | 1991 | D | 15 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| Richardson | C | Bladen | 56 | 27 | 6 | 12 | 1914 | | A | 27 | 0 | 0 | N | N | N | 1 |
| Riverside | C | Bladen | 238 | 170 | 2 | 0 | 1924 | 1996 | A | 75 | 0 | 0 | | Y | Y | 1 |
| Sandy Grove | C | Bladen | 286 | 286 | 2 | 0 | 1873 | 1999 | A | 72 | 0 | 0 | Y | N | Y | 1 |
| Shady Grove | C | Bladen | 214 | 171 | 3 | 0 | 1885 | 1998 | A | 70 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| Suggs Grove Missiona | C | Bladen | 168 | 120 | 1 | 0 | 1832 | 1980 | A | 49 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| Tar Heel | C | Bladen | 281 | 196 | 5 | 0 | 1872 | 1991 | A | 80 | 0 | 0 | N | Y | Y | 1 |
| West Bladenboro | C | Bladen | 229 | 179 | 2 | 0 | 1917 | | C | 90 | 0 | 0 | Y | N | Y | 1 |
| White Lake | C | Bladen | 225 | 135 | 2 | 0 | 1832 | 1989 | A | 58 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| White Oak | C | Bladen | 204 | 140 | 12 | 7 | 1859 | 1998 | B | 68 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| Whites Creek | C | Bladen | 298 | 244 | 0 | 0 | 1914 | 1998 | A | 165 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| Zion Hill | C | Bladen | 208 | 145 | 1 | 3 | 1885 | | A | 120 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 1 |
| | | **Association Total:** | **7,498** | **5,608** | **111** | **69** | | | | **2,907** | **0** | **8** | | | | |

# BAPTISM INFORMATION
## BLADEN

**Items Reported:**

3 - Total Baptisms | 3a - Baptisms Under 6 | 3b - Baptisms Age 6-8 | 3c - Baptisms Age 9-11 | 3d - Baptisms Age 12-17 | 3e - Baptisms Age 18-29 | 3f - Baptisms Age 30-59 | 3g - Baptisms 60-Up

| CONGREGATION | C/M | 3 | 3a | 3b | 3c | 3d | 3e | 3f | 3g |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbottsburg | C | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Beards Chapel | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bethel | C | 10 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Bladenboro First | C | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Briar Branch | C | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Butters | C | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Center Road | C | 7 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Clarkton | C | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| Council | C | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cypress Creek | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dublin | C | 14 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| Elizabethtown | C | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Faith | C | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Friendship | C | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Galeed | C | 18 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Good Shepherd Hispan | M | 17 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 2 | 0 |
| Grace | C | 9 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Hickory Grove | C | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Lisbon | C | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Love Grove | C | 11 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Natmoore | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Center | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northside | C | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Peace | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Richardson | C | 6 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Riverside | C | 6 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sandy Grove | C | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Shady Grove | C | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Suggs Grove Missiona | C | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tar Heel | C | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| West Bladenboro | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| White Lake | C | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| White Oak | C | 12 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Whites Creek | C | 13 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 0 |
| Zion Hill | C | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | Association Total: | 185 | 2 | 29 | 35 | 43 | 41 | 31 | 4 |

# BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION
## BLADEN

**Items Reported:**

15 - Total SS Enrollment | 15a - Preschool Birth-5 | 15b - Children 6-11 | 15c - Youth 12-17 | 15d - Adults 18-24 | 15e - Adults 25-34 | 15f - Adults 35-54 | 15g - Adults 55-Up | 15h - General Officers | 15i - Other Bible Study | 16 - SS Avg Weekly Att. | 17 - SS Not Cong. Members | 18 - Vacation Bible School

| CONGREGATION | C/M | 15 | 15a | 15b | 15c | 15d | 15e | 15f | 15g | 15h | 15i | 16 | 17 | 18 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbottsburg | C | 70 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 34 | 4 | 0 | 44 | 6 | 63 |
| Beards Chapel | C | 66 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 12 | 22 | 2 | 0 | 38 | 0 | 0 |
| Bethel | C | 148 | 18 | 7 | 27 | 9 | 19 | 27 | 38 | 3 | 0 | 80 | 0 | 70 |
| Bladenboro First | C | 262 | 31 | 14 | 14 | 19 | 28 | 27 | 82 | 6 | 41 | 170 | 40 | 81 |
| Briar Branch | C | 69 | 4 | 13 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 16 | 17 | 4 | 0 | 29 | 0 | 76 |
| Butters | C | 133 | 16 | 20 | 22 | 4 | 23 | 21 | 23 | 4 | 0 | 75 | 19 | 68 |
| Center Road | C | 194 | 28 | 28 | 17 | 4 | 34 | 52 | 24 | 7 | 0 | 127 | 0 | 168 |
| Clarkton | C | 155 | 22 | 16 | 18 | 8 | 16 | 24 | 49 | 2 | 0 | 79 | 9 | 116 |
| Council | C | 35 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 18 |
| Cypress Creek | C | 43 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 27 | 0 | 46 |
| Dublin | C | 209 | 7 | 8 | 21 | 29 | 23 | 33 | 84 | 4 | 0 | 110 | 0 | 130 |
| Elizabethtown | C | 283 | 32 | 46 | 23 | 5 | 15 | 35 | 115 | 12 | 0 | 145 | 75 | 145 |
| Faith | C | 27 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 17 | 1 | 39 |
| Friendship | C | 74 | 8 | 12 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 30 | 2 | 0 | 54 | 0 | 70 |
| Galeed | C | 433 | 68 | 51 | 54 | 19 | 145 | 25 | 61 | 10 | 0 | 217 | 88 | 293 |
| Good Shepherd Hispan | M | 46 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 20 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| Grace | C | 114 | 13 | 23 | 12 | 11 | 3 | 29 | 21 | 2 | 0 | 70 | 20 | 75 |
| Hickory Grove | C | 146 | 10 | 14 | 21 | 15 | 22 | 31 | 30 | 3 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 63 |
| Lisbon | C | 72 | 10 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 15 | 19 | 2 | 4 | 52 | 0 | 60 |
| Love Grove | C | 59 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 0 | 19 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 39 | 0 | 51 |
| Natmoore | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Center | C | 65 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 11 | 11 | 14 | 3 | 0 | 50 | 7 | 63 |
| Northside | C | 167 | 27 | 21 | 12 | 11 | 22 | 19 | 52 | 3 | 0 | 123 | 0 | 113 |
| Peace | C | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 2 | 0 |
| Richardson | C | 23 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 26 |
| Riverside | C | 54 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 38 |
| Sandy Grove | C | 114 | 10 | 8 | 13 | 6 | 12 | 8 | 54 | 3 | 0 | 71 | 0 | 46 |
| Shady Grove | C | 115 | 3 | 19 | 10 | 2 | 11 | 16 | 39 | 3 | 12 | 54 | 0 | 78 |
| Suggs Grove Missiona | C | 94 | 10 | 12 | 16 | 4 | 10 | 25 | 13 | 4 | 0 | 51 | 10 | 84 |
| Tar Heel | C | 165 | 15 | 20 | 15 | 14 | 15 | 28 | 56 | 2 | 0 | 98 | 9 | 110 |
| West Bladenboro | C | 122 | 14 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 15 | 34 | 39 | 3 | 0 | 70 | 7 | 87 |
| White Lake | C | 49 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 15 | 12 | 3 | 0 | 36 | 2 | 45 |
| White Oak | C | 90 | 11 | 20 | 3 | 12 | 17 | 5 | 19 | 3 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 70 |
| Whites Creek | C | 153 | 13 | 24 | 24 | 11 | 13 | 31 | 30 | 5 | 2 | 89 | 2 | 78 |
| Zion Hill | C | 96 | 14 | 11 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 19 | 33 | 1 | 0 | 78 | 7 | 134 |
| **Association Total:** | | **3,982** | **427** | **452** | **419** | **259** | **517** | **663** | **1,075** | **111** | **59** | **2,381** | **304** | **2,604** |

# DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION
## BLADEN

**Items Reported:**

19 - Total Ongoing Discipleship Training
19a - Ongoing Presch. B-5
19b - Ongoing Child. 6-11
19c - Ongoing Youth 12-17
19d - Ongoing Adult 18-Up
19e - DT Gen. Officers
20 - Total Short-Term DT
20a - Short-Term Preschool
20b - Short-Term Children
20c - Short-Term Youth
20d - Short-Term Adults - Gen. Officers
DTEN(19+20) - Total DT Enrollment/Participation

| CONGREGATION | C/M | 19 | 19a | 19b | 19c | 19d | 19e | 20 | 20a | 20b | 20c | 20d | DTEN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbottsburg | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Beards Chapel | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bethel | C | 53 | 2 | 21 | 11 | 17 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 53 |
| Bladenboro First | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Briar Branch | C | 9 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 12 |
| Butters | C | 42 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 28 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 |
| Center Road | C | 98 | 15 | 19 | 6 | 55 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 98 |
| Clarkton | C | 56 | 0 | 5 | 22 | 28 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 61 |
| Council | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cypress Creek | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dublin | C | 55 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 46 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55 |
| Elizabethtown | C | 110 | 5 | 15 | 15 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 110 |
| Faith | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Friendship | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Galeed | C | 201 | 25 | 37 | 42 | 91 | 6 | 27 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 15 | 228 |
| Good Shepherd Hispan | M | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grace | C | 59 | 4 | 12 | 7 | 33 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59 |
| Hickory Grove | C | 84 | 7 | 5 | 12 | 56 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 84 |
| Lisbon | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Love Grove | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Natmoore | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Center | C | 35 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| Northside | C | 68 | 13 | 8 | 9 | 35 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 68 |
| Peace | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Richardson | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 12 |
| Riverside | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sandy Grove | C | 70 | 0 | 5 | 16 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 |
| Shady Grove | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Suggs Grove Missiona | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tar Heel | C | 46 | 2 | 12 | 10 | 18 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 |
| West Bladenboro | C | 24 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 34 |
| White Lake | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| White Oak | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Whites Creek | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Zion Hill | C | 48 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 28 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 48 |
| | Association Total: | 1,058 | 88 | 156 | 187 | 590 | 37 | 57 | 0 | 22 | 3 | 32 | 1,115 |

# MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION
## BLADEN

**Items Reported:**

**21- Total Music Ministry Enrollment** **21b - Children 6-11 yrs.** **21d - Adult Choir 18-Up**
**21a - Preschool 3-5 yrs.** **21c - Youth 12-17 yrs.** **21e - Other Music Groups**

| CONGREGATION | C/M | 21 | 21a | 21b | 21c | 21d | 21e |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbottsburg | C | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| Beards Chapel | C | 12 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Bethel | C | 51 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 32 | 4 |
| Bladenboro First | C | 42 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 0 |
| Briar Branch | C | 18 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 16 | 0 |
| Butters | C | 42 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 22 | 0 |
| Center Road | C | 56 | 0 | 11 | 4 | 41 | 0 |
| Clarkton | C | 59 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 20 | 15 |
| Council | C | 15 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 0 |
| Cypress Creek | C | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Dublin | C | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 18 |
| Elizabethtown | C | 80 | 10 | 25 | 0 | 35 | 10 |
| Faith | C | 26 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 15 | 5 |
| Friendship | C | 53 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 21 | 11 |
| Galeed | C | 186 | 33 | 26 | 63 | 48 | 16 |
| Good Shepherd Hispan | M | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grace | C | 24 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 12 | 0 |
| Hickory Grove | C | 42 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 30 | 0 |
| Lisbon | C | 26 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 20 | 0 |
| Love Grove | C | 26 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 20 | 0 |
| Natmoore | C | 9 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| New Center | C | 32 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 15 | 0 |
| Northside | C | 60 | 6 | 7 | 15 | 32 | 0 |
| Peace | C | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| Richardson | C | 13 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Riverside | C | 26 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Sandy Grove | C | 39 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 19 |
| Shady Grove | C | 37 | 3 | 10 | 9 | 15 | 0 |
| Suggs Grove Missiona | C | 38 | 3 | 14 | 5 | 16 | 0 |
| Tar Heel | C | 48 | 5 | 11 | 5 | 27 | 0 |
| West Bladenboro | C | 34 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 25 | 0 |
| White Lake | C | 25 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 18 | 0 |
| White Oak | C | 25 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 0 |
| Whites Creek | C | 45 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 16 | 0 |
| Zion Hill | C | 35 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 15 |
| | **Association Total:** | **1,297** | **133** | **216** | **178** | **657** | **113** |

# MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT
## BLADEN

**Items Reported:**

**22 - Miss. Proj. Part.** **22b - State/National**
**22a - Local Community** **22c - International**

| CONGREGATION | C/M | 22 | 22a | 22b | 22c |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbottsburg | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Beards Chapel | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bethel | C | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Bladenboro First | C | 160 | 75 | 0 | 85 |
| Briar Branch | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Butters | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Center Road | C | 118 | 40 | 50 | 28 |
| Clarkton | C | 46 | 16 | 22 | 8 |
| Council | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cypress Creek | C | 15 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Dublin | C | 275 | 125 | 100 | 50 |
| Elizabethtown | C | 25 | 11 | 14 | 0 |
| Faith | C | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Friendship | C | 62 | 31 | 31 | 0 |
| Galeed | C | 32 | 20 | 10 | 2 |
| Good Shepherd Hispan | M | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grace | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hickory Grove | C | 45 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Lisbon | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Love Grove | C | 66 | 33 | 33 | 0 |
| Natmoore | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Center | C | 12 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Northside | C | 30 | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| Peace | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Richardson | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Riverside | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sandy Grove | C | 34 | 31 | 3 | 0 |
| Shady Grove | C | 25 | 24 | 0 | 1 |
| Suggs Grove Missiona | C | 12 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Tar Heel | C | 28 | 0 | 28 | 0 |
| West Bladenboro | C | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| White Lake | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| White Oak | C | 47 | 47 | 0 | 0 |
| Whites Creek | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Zion Hill | C | 95 | 20 | 15 | 60 |
| | **Association Total:** | **1,136** | **550** | **337** | **249** |

# MISSION FINANCIAL INFORMATION
## BLADEN

**Items Reported:**

29 - Cooperative Program
30 - Assoc. Missions
31 - State Missions
32 - Annie Armstrong
33 - Lottie Moon
34 - Other SBC Miss. Exp.
35 - Non-SBC Miss. Exp.
TME(29thru35) - Total Mission Expenditures

| CONGREGATION | C/M | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | TME |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbottsburg | C | $6,262 | $3,131 | $332 | $256 | $335 | $0 | $0 | $10,316 |
| Beards Chapel | C | $600 | $600 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $1,200 |
| Bethel | C | $1,500 | $2,000 | $500 | $1,575 | $1,750 | $3,140 | $3,500 | $13,965 |
| Bladenboro First | C | $27,409 | $7,200 | $1,491 | $2,676 | $4,040 | $470 | $49,100 | $92,386 |
| Briar Branch | C | $456 | $600 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $3,500 | $4,556 |
| Butters | C | $1,800 | $1,600 | $257 | $550 | $500 | $100 | $1,850 | $6,657 |
| Center Road | C | $33,792 | $3,703 | $0 | $4,052 | $5,496 | $23,308 | $139,404 | $209,755 |
| Clarkton | C | $9,585 | $4,003 | $706 | $1,325 | $2,508 | $0 | $0 | $18,127 |
| Council | C | $371 | $1,200 | $15 | $430 | $830 | $0 | $0 | $2,846 |
| Cypress Creek | C | $0 | $1,607 | $0 | $1,371 | $1,371 | $492 | $0 | $4,841 |
| Dublin | C | $7,312 | $2,688 | $0 | $649 | $2,711 | $300 | $3,375 | $17,035 |
| Elizabethtown | C | $22,000 | $8,000 | $1,962 | $1,447 | $150 | $1,600 | $7,500 | $42,659 |
| Faith | C | $200 | $772 | $100 | $260 | $200 | $285 | $1,179 | $2,996 |
| Friendship | C | $1,012 | $2,024 | $0 | $765 | $1,496 | $3,036 | $1,185 | $9,518 |
| Galeed | C | $20,000 | $6,515 | $4,798 | $3,685 | $5,159 | $9,637 | $0 | $49,794 |
| Good Shepherd Hispan | M | $0 | $524 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $524 |
| Grace | C | $301 | $201 | $0 | $98 | $75 | $0 | $0 | $675 |
| Hickory Grove | C | $8,000 | $1,380 | $1,226 | $2,027 | $2,853 | $60 | $3,316 | $18,862 |
| Lisbon | C | $1,780 | $1,391 | $522 | $217 | $875 | $1,292 | $500 | $6,577 |
| Love Grove | C | $143 | $250 | $2,039 | $200 | $479 | $0 | $2,490 | $5,601 |
| Natmoore | C | $0 | $200 | $0 | $50 | $50 | $1,000 | $0 | $1,300 |
| New Center | C | $362 | $686 | $320 | $400 | $450 | $0 | $365 | $2,583 |
| Northside | C | $9,447 | $2,362 | $2,708 | $1,557 | $1,388 | $0 | $4,300 | $21,762 |
| Peace | C | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Richardson | C | $0 | $750 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $750 |
| Riverside | C | $800 | $4,000 | $0 | $1,700 | $2,100 | $4,250 | $5,772 | $18,622 |
| Sandy Grove | C | $4,320 | $3,000 | $0 | $240 | $1,404 | $0 | $0 | $8,964 |
| Shady Grove | C | $5,500 | $2,400 | $1,221 | $1,471 | $1,470 | $1,420 | $6,238 | $19,720 |
| Suggs Grove Missiona | C | $1,155 | $1,850 | $0 | $510 | $501 | $0 | $0 | $4,016 |
| Tar Heel | C | $4,893 | $5,231 | $626 | $855 | $2,767 | $587 | $625 | $15,584 |
| West Bladenboro | C | $1,600 | $1,600 | $500 | $551 | $457 | $1,635 | $0 | $6,343 |
| White Lake | C | $2,911 | $2,911 | $200 | $300 | $905 | $100 | $678 | $8,005 |
| White Oak | C | $28,000 | $1,876 | $27 | $1,240 | $27,277 | $130,000 | $6,600 | $195,020 |
| Whites Creek | C | $1,456 | $1,820 | $327 | $435 | $827 | $0 | $10,014 | $14,879 |
| Zion Hill | C | $4,972 | $2,800 | $1,800 | $877 | $1,242 | $0 | $600 | $12,291 |
| | **Association Total:** | **$207,939** | **$80,875** | **$21,677** | **$31,769** | **$71,666** | **$182,712** | **$252,091** | **$848,729** |

# GENERAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## BLADEN

**Items Reported:**

26 - Undesignated Gifts
27 - Designated Gifts
28 - Other Receipts
TREC(26+27+28) - Total Receipts
36 - Value - Cong. Property
37 - Congregational Debt

| CONGREGATION | C/M | 26 | 27 | 28 | TREC | 36 | 37 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbottsburg | C | $61,303 | $5,128 | $0 | $66,431 | $380,000 | $0 |
| Beards Chapel | C | $28,250 | $13,288 | $0 | $41,538 | $200,000 | $25,000 |
| Bethel | C | $88,464 | $23,880 | $0 | $112,344 | $1,000,000 | $0 |
| Bladenboro First | C | $147,877 | $94,786 | $2,400 | $245,063 | $1,500,000 | $0 |
| Briar Branch | C | $42,800 | $0 | $0 | $42,800 | $210,000 | $0 |
| Butters | C | $63,741 | $3,729 | $206 | $67,676 | $287,200 | $0 |
| Center Road | C | $184,702 | $25,247 | $2,854 | $212,803 | $290,000 | $0 |
| Clarkton | C | $121,914 | $7,761 | $0 | $129,675 | $600,000 | $0 |
| Council | C | $29,174 | $2,846 | $0 | $32,020 | $69,000 | $0 |
| Cypress Creek | C | $45,717 | $1,386 | $0 | $47,103 | $288,000 | $0 |
| Dublin | C | $124,654 | $19,893 | $2,173 | $146,720 | $900,000 | $0 |
| Elizabethtown | C | $311,389 | $19,300 | $300 | $330,988 | $2,500,000 | $13,517 |
| Faith | C | $24,067 | $845 | $39 | $24,951 | $100,000 | $0 |
| Friendship | C | $67,458 | $7,383 | $0 | $74,841 | $499,935 | $0 |
| Galeed | C | $186,142 | $106,677 | $0 | $292,819 | $1,500,000 | $140,439 |
| Good Shepherd Hispan | M | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Grace | C | $39,618 | $5,067 | $0 | $44,685 | $200,000 | $0 |
| Hickory Grove | C | $108,781 | $5,310 | $460 | $114,551 | $584,000 | $0 |
| Lisbon | C | $54,165 | $6,577 | $0 | $60,742 | $330,000 | $0 |
| Love Grove | C | $33,543 | $0 | $0 | $33,543 | $125,000 | $0 |
| Natmoore | C | $15,330 | $943 | $1,180 | $17,453 | $135,000 | $0 |
| New Center | C | $34,900 | $14,740 | $0 | $49,640 | $117,000 | $0 |
| Northside | C | $167,902 | $5,653 | $0 | $173,555 | $899,888 | $13,068 |
| Peace | C | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Richardson | C | $20,027 | $2,434 | $0 | $22,461 | $250,000 | $0 |
| Riverside | C | $83,526 | $38,894 | $37 | $122,457 | $350,000 | $0 |
| Sandy Grove | C | $77,757 | $1,550 | $0 | $79,307 | $1,500,000 | $0 |
| Shady Grove | C | $90,161 | $20,115 | $0 | $110,276 | $574,519 | $0 |
| Suggs Grove Missiona | C | $66,659 | $1,868 | $1,741 | $70,268 | $700,000 | $0 |
| Tar Heel | C | $99,369 | $24,934 | $646 | $124,949 | $715,000 | $0 |
| West Bladenboro | C | $70,195 | $2,836 | $0 | $73,031 | $567,900 | $0 |
| White Lake | C | $58,897 | $21,348 | $3,578 | $83,823 | $400,000 | $0 |
| White Oak | C | $81,099 | $223,749 | $7,332 | $312,180 | $818,000 | $0 |
| Whites Creek | C | $72,339 | $23,544 | $840 | $96,723 | $452,150 | $0 |
| Zion Hill | C | $112,357 | $9,202 | $2,014 | $123,573 | $250,000 | $25,200 |
| **Association Total:** | | **$2,814,277** | **$740,913** | **$25,800** | **$3,580,990** | **$19,292,592** | **$217,224** |

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# BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
## of
## NORTH CAROLINA
## ONE-HUNDRED NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

**Held With**
**Bladenboro, First Baptist**
**October 23, 2000**

**and**

**Elizabethtown Baptist Church**
**October 24, 2000**

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**2001 ANNUAL SESSION WILL BE HELD AT:**

**Bethel Baptist Church**
**October 29, 2001**

**and**

**Sandy Grove Baptist Church**
**October 30, 2001**

***Preacher: Rev. Jerry Beck***
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# One-Hundred-Ninth Annual Session
# of the
# BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
# October 23, 2000 - October 24, 2000

***Theme: Equipping Believers to Carry The Light***

## MONDAY EVENING - OCTOBER 23, 2000
## BLADENBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

The One-Hundred-Ninth Annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association met at Bladenboro Baptist Church for the evening session on Monday, October 23, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. for pre-session registration. During the registration period an inspirational/music video was presented entitled "What an Awesome God We Have".

The session was moderated by Rev. Darryll Hester. Dr. Russell Cherry, pastor of Bladenboro Baptist church welcomed the messengers and guests and led in prayer. Mrs. Betsy Smith, Music Director, led the congregation in singing the hymn, "Blessed Be The Name".

The Moderator called upon the clerk for the enrollment of messengers. Mrs. Virginia W. Gause reported that there were eighty-two (82) messengers, which included eighteen (18) pastors and seventeen (17) guests present, thus making a total of ninety-nine present. The clerk made a motion that these messengers and others who many register later constitute the One Hundred-Ninth Annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association. This motion received a second and so carried.

Moderator Hester recognized Rev. Jerry Beck who made a motion that the program be adopted as printed. The motion received a second and so carried.

Moderator Hester recognized DOM Bruce Cannon who graciously thanked the Bladenboro Church for the bountiful and delicious meal they served the pastor/spouses and guest prior to the beginning of the session. DOM Cannon introduced the new ministers in the association as follows: Rev. Bobby Trott, Beards Chapel; Rev. Cameron McGill, Dublin First; Rev. Randy Andrews, Love Grove; Rev. Ray Best, Natmore; Rev. Donald Coley, Shady Grove; Rev. Bryan Blackwell, West Bladenboro; Rev. Robert Wilson, Zion Hill; Rev. Bud Parrish, Interim, Galeed; and Rev. Richard Mabe, Richardson.

DOM Cannon introduced Rev. Rick Hughes, Bible Teaching/Reaching Team, who will be speaking later during the session. Rev. Hughes is partnering with the Bladen Association and encouraged anyone needing his assistance in Sunday School growth to make contact with him.

DOM Cannon announced that he had fliers for the winter quarter Bible study and the letter of James on the table in the front of the church. These are available for anyone wanting to use them for teaching purposes. They can be picked up at the end of the session. Campbell University is offering to teach these courses free to the pastors or any other guest on November 2, 2000, taught by Dr. Glenn Jonas. Lunch will be provided. Anyone interested can make contact with the university.

DOM Cannon also announced that anyone interested in the RA/GA basketball team this year would be required to have a coach and the pastor of the church involved.

N.C. Baptist men is having a disaster recovery training in Elizabethtown on November 18, 2000. The charge for certification is $25.00. This will be necessary in the event there is a disaster situation. This will be a great opportunity for Christian ministry. He also announced that the association is building a place for the disaster recovery van to be housed and said that about $10,000 is needed to complete the building. The estimated cost of the building will be about $20,000. He encouraged help from the churches who have not contributed.

**Miscellaneous Business:** Moderator Hester appointed the following committees and their representatives.

**Preacher & Place:** Chairman, Rev. Richard Smith, Rev. Jerry Beck and Rev. Donald Coley

**Resolutions:** Chairman, Rev. Steve Butler, Rev. Scott Lewis and Rev. Richard Mabe.

Rev. Rick Hughes gave a most inspirational challenge using the theme emphasis on "Equipping Believers to Carry the Light".

The congregation sang the hymn, "Break Out, O Church of God", led by Director of Music, Mrs. Betsy Smith.

After a short break, Mrs. Susan Kelly presented a musical interlude and DOM Cannon called upon Rev. Lorenzo Torres, Good Shepherd Hispanic Church pastor who gave another theme emphasis challenge to the session messengers and guest, "Equipping Believers to Carry The Light."

The congregation participated in the Responsive reading #556 of the Baptist Hymnal, after which Rev. Vernon Britt led in prayer.

Special music was presented by the Bladenboro First Baptist Church Choir.

Rev. Dewey Jackson brought a very challenging message using the theme emphasis. The scripture was taken from Matthew 5:14-15.

The congregation sang the hymn, "Send the Light", and the session was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. to re-convene tomorrow, October 24, 2000 at the Elizabethtown Baptist Church at 3:00 p..m.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 24, 2000
## ELIZABETHTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

The afternoon session of the One-Hundred-Ninth Session of the Bladen Baptist Association convened at 3:00 p.m. at the Elizabethtown Baptist Church. Mrs. Betsy Smith sang the hymn, "Each One, Reach One".

Rev. David Elks, pastor of Elizabethtown Baptist Church welcomed the messengers and guests. He read scripture from I Samuel 17 and led in prayer.

DOM Cannon introduced Rev. Tom Denton, Eastern N.C. Manager, N.C. Baptist Foundation, who brought greetings to the session from the N.C. Baptist Foundation. See page 44 of the Book of Reports for additional information.

**DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT:**

DOM Cannon read a portion of the scripture from Joshua 14 & 15. He expressed his appreciation for all the assistance everyone has given to him since he has been the DOM He shared his concern regarding the statistics he had gathered concerning the unchurched and lost people all around the world as well as in our own Bladen County. He challenged all the churches to carry the light and win the lost to Christ.

The congregation sang the hymn, "We Have Come to Join in Worship", led by Mrs. Betsy Smith.

**DIVISION REPORT:**

**WMU:** Mrs. Glenda Ward reported. See page 33, Book of Reports. She also reported that on November 6, 2000 at Bladenboro Baptist Church the WMU will again sponsor a Baptist Women's Day of Prayer. She invited all to come for a time of meditation and prayer between the hours of 8:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m.

**Baptist Men:** Mr. Ewin Davis reported. See page 34 of the Book of Reports.

**Discipleship Training:** Mrs. Etta Smith reported. See page 31 of the Book of Reports. She also reported that on November 20, 2000 at Northside Baptist Church, 7:15 p.m. M-Night will be held with Mrs. Phyllis Elvington as speaker. She also reported that one additional church had started the Bible Drills in their church.

**Sunday School:** Mrs. Barbara Britt reported. See page 32 of the Book of Reports.

**Music Report:** Mrs. Betsy Smith reported. See page 35 of the Book of Reports.

**Missions Development/Leisure Ministry:** Rev. Walter Hayes reported. See pages 31 & 37 of the Book of Reports. He also encouraged every church to reach out to the communityand suggested something like free windshield washing or giving money for a drink and handling a gospel tract to the recipient.

**Baptist Children's Home:** Mrs. Brenda Gray gave a most interesting and challenging report from the Children's Home. See page 42 of the Book of Reports.

**Convention Report:** Mr. Mark Abernathy, Baptist Men of the State Convention gave the report. He expounded on the Alaskan Partnership with the State Baptist Convention. He also

reported on his mission trip last year to South Africa. He asked for volunteers to go into this country on mission for the Lord. He has information for anyone interested. He also praised all volunteers who helped with the victims of Hurricane Floyd last year. He indicated he had fliers available on both the Alaskan and South Africa Partnerships and for anyone interested in volunteering for either to let him know. He also encouraged prayer partnerships throughout the association.

Due to the lack of time the miscellaneous business scheduled at this time was postponed to the evening session. The session was recessed for a short break.

The afternoon worship service began with a hymn medley led by Mrs. Betsy Smith. Mr. Seth Lewis, his wife and son Cameron, gave a most interesting report on their mission trip last year to Trinidad.

Moderator Darryll Hester delivered the inspirational message. The scripture was taken from Hebrews 12:1-2, after which the congregation sang hymn # 592. The afternoon session recessed at 6:00 p.m. for dinner hosted by the church.

## TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 24, 2000
## ELIZABETHTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

The evening session began with a musical chorus, "Each One, Reach One", led by Mrs. Betsy Smith.

Mrs. Thelma Barnes presented the list of memorials as listed on page 52 of the Book of Reports.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Evangelism:** Rev. David Rutland reported. See page 36 of the Book of Reports.

**Nominating:** Rev. Richard Smith reported. See attached copy of officers for the coming year. This slate of officers was brought in the form of a motion to accept for the year 2000-2001 and received a second and was carried by unanimous vote.

**Finance:** Mr. David Clark presented the finance and budget report. See pages 55,56, & 57 of the Book of Reports. This report came from the Finance Committee in the form of a motion to accept. The motion received a second and so carried by unanimous vote.

**Historian:** Mrs. Ethelene Barnes presented the report as listed on page 40 of the Book of Reports.

**Preacher & Place:** Rev. Richard Smith presented the following report. The Monday annual session for year 2001 will be held at Bethel Baptist Church and Tuesday will be a Sandy Grove Baptist Church. The speaker will be Rev. Jerry Beck and alternate will be Rev. Donald Coley.

**Resolutions:** Rev. Scott Lewis presented this report in the form of a motion as follows: "Be it resolved that we, the Bladen Baptist Association Annual Session of 2000, gratefully express our deepest appreciation to the pastors and congregations of Bladenboro First Baptist Church and the Elizabethtown Baptist Church for their gracious accommodations, preparations and meals for our annual meeting for October 23 & 24." The motion received a second and carried with an unanimous vote.

### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Rev. Leon Warren, Pastor of Christ Community Baptist Church presented the following request: To the Bladen Baptist Association: On Sunday, October 8, 2000, Christ Community Baptist Church voted unanimously in a called conference to make the following request:

*"Christ Community Baptist Church respectfully requests to come under the watch care of the Bladen Baptist Association with the desire to later become a member of the Association."* We appreciate your consideration of this request. In His love, Rev. Leon Warren, Pastor of Christ Community Baptist Church.

Moderator Hester appointed the following to serve on the committee who will be working with the church while they are under the watch care of the association: Chairperson, Mr. Charles Little, Mrs. Etta Smith, Mr. Gene Brisson, Mrs. Virginia W. Gause, Rev. Merle Johnson, Rev. James Brooks and Rev. Jerry Beck. This committee will be working with the church according to the constitution for this year.

Moderator called upon Mr. Gene Brisson, Moderator for the coming year. Mr. Brisson presented an idea that is coming through the Board of Education and the Board of Social Service. The idea is that the churches join together in a tutoring program directed by the Board of Education and administered by the churches. This idea has been presented to the ministerial association and has received no negative response. The Board of Education would train the tutors and the church's responsibility would be to contact the Board of Education and indicate they want to be a part of this program. Someone would come to the church to train the interested people and present the material needed. This program would be helping children in their reading, math skills and bringing up their test scores. He encouraged anyone interested to contact Mr. Byron Lawson or Dr. Ann Elks at the Board of Education.

Rev. David Mull stated that Whites Creek Baptist Church has planned a seminar of financial stewardship. They will be using the material from the Christian Financial Concepts Organization, founded by Mr. Larry Burkett. A representative will be presenting a seminar on November 4, 2000 at Whites Creek Baptist Church. The price of the seminar will be $40.00 per person, and $55.00 per couple. The seminar will consist of Biblical principals of Christian stewardship. He encouraged anyone interested to contact him after the meeting. They can accommodate at least forty couples for the seminar. He has brochures available.

**Announcements:** DOM Cannon announced that they have a jail ministry in Elizabethtown and two of our pastors are serving as ministers. They are in need of paper back Bibles to pass out. He challenged the churches to give the Bibles and to call Rev. Jerry Beck or Rev. David Rutland for more information.

He also said the Bladen Baptist Association will again have a booth at the Agriculture Expo which will be on November 10 and 11. He said that the committee is planning to give out grouch control pills in a bottle, and it is eye catching. The bottle will have jelly beans inside and a gospel tract for ministry. They are asking GA and RA groups to help with preparing the bottles.

He also announced the RA/GA basketball meeting to be held on November 27,2000 at 7:00 p.m. at Dublin Baptist Church. He said that the coach and pastor will be required to attend the meeting.

He also announced that the N.C. Baptist Men will have a training session for disaster recovery at the Elizabethtown Baptist Church on November 18, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. The names of the people who will be taking the training along with the $25.00 training fee will have to be sent to the associational office. A T-shirt, meal, disaster recovery manual, hat and certification will be presented to each person taking the training. He thanked everyone for the help that has been given on the work that has been done on the disaster building.

Rev. David Elks informed that there has been a new chapter, Habitat for Humanity, formed here in Bladen County. This group builds homes for the working poor in the community. The person for whom the house would be built would pay for the house through a no interest loan and they also would be required to work at least 300 hours on the house, or work on another home that is being built for someone else. The first home will be built on Fox Street in Elizabethtown. The land has been donated and the beginning date will be on October 28, 2000. He indicated this would be an opportunity for the churches to be involved in missions by prayer, being active in the actual work, preparing meals for workers and contributions to the chapter.

The evening session began the worship service with a presentation made by the Elizabethtown Baptist Church Handbell Choir, led by Mrs. Betty Womble, afterwards the congregation sang the hymn, "We've a Story to Tell", led by Mrs. Betsy Smith. The congregation participated in Responsive Reading #473 in the Celebration Hymnal. Mr. Eddie Nye read the scripture from Colossians 3:12-17 and led in prayer. Special music was presented by the Elizabethtown Choir.

Rev. Donald Bouldin, Congregational Services, State Baptist Convention, brought the inspirational message for the evening. The scripture was taken from Matthew 9.

Before the closing of the session Moderator Hester presented the gavel to the Moderator for the coming year, Mr. Gene Brisson.

The session was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with Rev. Donald Coley leading in prayer and afterwards the church choir rendered a choral response, "Instruments of Your Peace."

Respectfully Submitted: Darryll Hester, Moderator Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

# MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATION
# 2000

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**OASIS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**-- Rev. Robert Carter, Mr. Jerry Lennon, Mrs. Estelle Martin

**PEACE**--No Messengers

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**RIVERSIDE**--Rev. Currie Long, Mrs. Currie Long, Mr. Frank Evans, Mrs. Frank Evans, Mr. Joe Evans, Mrs. Joe Evans

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# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
# OF
# BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**ARTICLE I - NAME:** The name of this body shall be Bladen Baptist Association.

**ARTICLE II - MISSION:** It is the Mission of this body to provide opportunity to member churches affiliated with it for cooperative efforts in carrying out the evangelistic and ministry directives of Jesus Christ; further to encourage and assist, when possible, each member church in doing the same.

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP:** The Association shall consist of messengers and executive committee members who are members of the affiliated churches as follows:

1. Each church of fifty (50) members or less shall be entitled to three messengers, and for each additional fifty (50) members an additional messenger, provided that no church shall have more than five (5) lay messengers active and voting at one time. Each church shall be entitled to an equal number of alternate messengers who shall serve in the absence of the messengers. The messengers who compose the Association must come from churches that believe in practicing New Testament doctrine as set forth in *The Baptist Faith and Message.*

1. Each church shall be entitled to one executive member and senior pastor to serve as set forth in article IV.
2. The Pastors
3. The elected officers of the Association.

**ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE BOARD:** The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the Association, together with a pastor and a layman from each affiliated church. The Executive Board is charged with the duty of executing the plans and decisions of the Association and the employment and direction of the Associational Director of Missions. A full report of its work shall be presented at each Fall Session, together with plans and recommendations for the promotion and extension of the work of the Association. The Executive Board shall act for the Association between sessions in conformity with the expressed decisions of the body. A vacancy occurrring between sessions may be filled for the remainder of the year as set forth in Article VI (1) (c) of this constitution.

**ARTICLE V - AFFILIATED CHURCHES:** A Missionary Baptist Church desiring fellowship in the Association may submit a written request for membership at a Fall session, and may be received under the watchcare of the Association for a period of time to the next ensuing Fall Session, and then upon recommendation of the Committee on Membership, such church may be received as a member by two-thirds favorable vote of the duly qualified messengers in attendance at such session.

Any member church in good standing shall be entitled to a letter of dismissal and recommendation to another similar body. Such letter may be from the Association in session or by the Executive Board between sessions.

**ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS:**

(1) The Executive Officers of the Bladen Baptist Association shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. Other Officers shall be stewardship director and historian.

(a) Officers shall be approved at the April Executive Committee meeting and duly elected at the annual meeting. Nominees will be presented by the nominating committee or from the floor. All nominations must be with the prior consent of the nominee. They shall serve for one year beginning at the close of the annual meeting and ending at the close of the next.

(b) A qualified parliamentarian, well versed in Robert's Rules of Order, shall be appointed by the moderator during his term of office.

(c) If the office of Moderator becomes vacant, the vice-moderator shall become moderator for the rest of that term. Other vacancies in associational offices shall be filled by the Executive Committee on recommendation of the Nominating Committee or from the floor, with prior consent of the nominee(s).

(d) A Moderator shall not serve more than two years in succession.

**ARTICLE VII - DIVISION DIRECTORS**

(1) A Division Director shall be approved by the Executive Committee during its April Meeting and duly elected at the annual meeting, for Sunday School, Discipleship Training, WMU, Brotherhood, Evangelism, Music, Seminary Extension, Church Media, Missions Development, Leisure Ministry, youth, and other organizations which may be added by the Association. Nominations may be presented by the Nominating Committee or from the floor with the prior consent of the nominee(s).

(a) The Division Director will begin serving in October following election but will be responsible for planning the program and budget for year under his/her direction.

(b) Each Director will select workers for that area and present them to the Nominating Committee for approval prior to the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee will then present the workers to the Association for approval at the Annual Meeting.

**ARTICLE VIII - ASSOCIATIONAL COUNCIL:** The Associational Council shall consist of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Directors of each division. The staff members of the Associations shall serve in an ex-officio capacity.
The Associational Council shall serve in an advisory capacity to assist in planning, promoting, guiding, and calendar planning for the total Associational Program.
It will meet regularly prior to each Executive Board Meeting and Annual Session. It will consider, review, and/or prepare recommendations concerning the Associational Program for action by the Executive Board and/or Association.

**ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES:**

(1) Standing Committees shall be as follows and others may be added as deemed necessary by the Executive Board or Association. They are to be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected at the Annual Meeting:

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| Membership | The Office Building and Grounds | Finance |
| | DOM Relations | |

(2) Associational Committees: The Moderator shall appoint the following committees at the July Executive Board Meeting: (a) Committee on Place and Preacher for the following year, (b) Committee on Resolutions, (c) Committee on Enrollment, (d) Membership Committee, if needed, and (e) any other committees which may be authorized by the Association. These committees shall report during the annual session

**ARTICLE X - PROCEDURE:** The business of the Association shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, unless otherwise provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws.

**ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT:** This Constitution may be amended at any session of the Association by a two-thirds vote, provided: the amendment has been presented in writing at an Executive Board meeting prior to Annual Session, and read to the Association the first day of Annual Session, to be voted on second day.

**ARTICLE XII - ADOPTION:** Upon adoption, this Constitution shall become effective at the close of this session of the Bladen Baptist Association.

# BY-LAWS
# OF
# BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## I. NAME

The name of this body shall be Bladen Baptist Association as set forth in Article I of the attached constitution. The location shall be Elizabethtown, Bladen County, North Carolina.

## II. FAITH

This Baptist Association accepts the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as our rule of faith and practice. It affirms the doctrinal positions set forth in *The Baptist Faith and Message*, and hereby incorporates that statement into these bylaws.

## III. PURPOSE

As set forth in Article II of the attached constitution.

## IV. POLITY AND RELATIONSHIPS

The government of this association is vested in the members who compose it. It is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical or political body or bodies.

We realize there is mutual helpfulness in working with other associations of like faith and practice as to encourage the spirit of fellowship and good will. We also recognize that there have been devised, through the voluntary cooperation of churches of like faith and order, organizations whose purpose it is to implement the missionary, educational and benevolent interests and obligations of this association and its affiliated churches. Believing that the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention are organizations which have as their sole purpose the promotion and support of missions; education and benevolence of the character and in keeping with the spirit of the Bylaws and Constitution of this association, we therefore voluntarily agree to participate in the programs and ministries of these organizations.

## V. MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATION

### Section A: Requirement and Procedure

Membership will be as set forth in Article III and IV of attached Constitution of this body, namely the Bladen Baptist Association.

### Section B: Duties of Affiliated Churches

1. *Cooperation.* Any church affiliated with this body shall support the same financially and be sympathetic with the purpose and mission of this body. Any voting member of this body must first be a member of an affiliated church.

2. *Provide Annual Church Profile (ACP).* Each affiliated church shall send to the clerk of the Association fourteen (14) days prior to the Fall Session of the Association, on forms furnished by the Clerk, a full report of the church work for the year ending September 30th.

### Section C: Rights of Affiliation and Membership

1. Each affiliated church has a right to be represented by messengers or executive committee members as set forth in article III and IV of attached constitution of this body, who in turn shall have the right to vote on all matters brought before this association.

2. Any member of an affiliated church is eligible for consideration by the membership of the association for nomination to any elective office in the association.

**Section D: Termination of Affiliation**

*Church affiliation with this association may be terminated in the following ways:*

1. By the affiliated church's request. The affiliated church may write a letter of request that its affiliation with Bladen Baptist Association be terminated. Such termination shall be effective as of the date the request is received and approved.

2. By exclusion. The association, after due notice and a reasonable opportunity for hearing and kindly efforts to make such action unnecessary, may terminate the affiliation of churches who fail to be supportive financially or fail to be sympathetic with the doctrine and purpose of this association.

## VI. MEETINGS

**Section A: Business.**

***Quorum. 12 affiliated churches represented by voting messenger(s) or executive board members shall constitute a quorum***

1. Annual Sessions of the Association shall be held on Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon and evening following the fourth Sunday in October.

2. Quarterly Sessions: The Executive Board shall meet on Tuesday following the third Sunday of January, April, and July.

3. Special meetings may be called by the moderator or the director of missions provided one week advanced notice is given to the affiliated churches.

**Section B: Procedure.**

All meetings of the Association shall be opened with a devotional service followed by the order of business or agenda and closed with prayer. *An order of business shall be adopted at the beginning of each annual session which shall be changed only by a two-thirds vote of the body.*

**Section C: The Associational Year**

The Associational year and reports shall cover October 1st through September 30th. The fiscal year shall be January 1st through December 31st.

## VII. OFFICERS:

**Section A. Generally**

***Executive Officers of the association shall be Moderator, vice-moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer.*** Other officers shall be stewardship director, historian and such others as the association shall determine. For all such officers the association shall establish and set forth in the bylaws, their means of selection and duties. All officers must be members in good standing of an affiliated church and serve at the pleasure of the association.

**1. Duties of Executive Officers**

**a. Function as Board of Directors.** The currently serving Executive Officers shall meet and acting together, constitute the Board of Directors of Bladen Baptist Association. Such Board of Directors shall change by and in the same procedure as Executive officers change. In their capacity as directors, they shall have the duties and responsibilities attendant to Directors, subject however to the limitation set forth in the charter bylaws and constitution. The Directors shall not have power, except as expressly authorized by the association, to purchase or sell or encumber any real or personal property, to install or remove officers or staff, to amend the Charter, bylaws or constitution, or to bind the corporation to any contract.

**b. Corporate Officers.** The Moderator shall, whenever required by law or practice, serve as the President of the Corporation, having however only such express powers as are granted by the association, and having no power absent such express authorization to bind the corporation in any matter or act for it. In a similar manner and subject to the same limitations, the Vice-Moderator shall be authorized to act as the Vice-President.

**Section B. Moderator.**

The Moderator shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually as set forth in article VI of the attached constitution.

The Moderator shall preside at all meetings of the Association. He/She shall be a member of the Executive Board, and as opportunity may permit, shall act as fraternal visitor to the churches throughout the year, representing the fellowship of the entire association.

**Section C. Vice-Moderator.**

The Vice-Moderator shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually as set forth in article VI of the attached constitution. The Vice-Moderator shall preside in the absence of the moderator. He/She shall be a member of the Executive Board, and as opportunity may permit, shall act as fraternal visitor to the churches throughout the year, representing the fellowship of the entire association.

**Section D. Clerk.**

The Clerk shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Clerk shall work with the Associational Staff in keeping an accurate record of the proceedings of the association, and shall prepare and cause to be published and distributed, as directed by the Association or Executive Board, minutes and statistics of the Association as soon as practical after adjournment of the Fall Session. He/she shall mail the necessary forms and letters to the clerks of the churches affiliated with the association six weeks before they are due. Copies of the annuals shall be provided without charge for the officers, and provided for affiliated churches as requested by payment. A copy shall be sent to each department of the Baptist State Convention and other institutions and individuals as the Association or Executive Committee may direct.

**Section E. Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Treasurer shall work with the Associational Staff to receive all receipts of the association, disburse them according to its order, and present a printed report of the same to the Fall Session of the Association and to the Executive Board.

**Section F. Stewardship Director**

The Stewardship Director shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Stewardship Director shall be responsible for Stewardship Promotion working with the Director of Missions and subject to the supervision of the Executive Board.

**Section G. Historian**

The Historian shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Historian shall encourage churches to preserve their historical material, to publish a church history from time to time, and to observe their special anniversaries. He/She should maintain an Associational Historical Collection.

## VIII. COMMITTEES

**Section A. Generally**

Committees of the association shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected annually by the association except those committees appointed by the moderator. Such committees are clearly designated in the by-laws and constitution. There are two types of committees, standing and special. Standing committees are listed in these by-laws while special committees are elected by the association in accordance to need.

**Section B. Duties**

**1. THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** The Program Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Director of Missions, Director of Music and Pastors of the host churches. The vice-moderator shall be chairman of this committee. It shall prepare a printed program for the Annual Meeting and distribute copies to program personnel and pastors at least thirty (30) days in advance. The committee shall present the program for adoption by the association and manage any adjustments.

**2. FINANCE COMMITTEE:** This committee shall consist of five members whose duty it shall be . . . to supervise the financial program of the association and to report to the Executive Board regarding the same at each quarterly meeting. The Finance Committee shall submit to the Executive Board at the July Meeting, a budget for the coming year. The budget will be voted on at the Fall Session of the association.

**3. NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** This Committee, composed of 5 members, shall nominate officers, Division Directors and committee members as set forth in Article V and IX of this constitution. It shall also nominate associational representatives for convention institutions and agencies as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee or association. Vacancies occuring between annual sessions shall be filled by the Executive Board upon presentation of nominee(s) by this committee.

**4. CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE:** This committee, composed of three members, shall be available to review study and propose changes in the constitution, and make recommendations to the association regarading any changes.

**5. ORDINATION COMMITTEE:** This committee, composed of five (5) members shall, when requested by a member church, assist in the examination and ordination of candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

**6. DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS RELATIONS COMMITTEE:** This Committee, composed of four (4) members, shall work with the Director of Missions in keeping his job description up to date, abiding by the guidelines adopted for the relationship, reviewing compensation and time arrangements, arranging for mutual evaluation sessions, handling criticisms of the Director of Missions and hearing his complaints, helping with staff difficulties, and dealing with any problems that may arise.

**7. COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS:** This committee, composed of three (3) members and appointed by the moderator, shall study proposed resolutions and make its report in the final session of the annual meeting.

**8. COMMITTEE OF PLACE AND PREACHER:** This committee, composed of three (3) members is appointed by the moderator. It shall seek out and recommend meeting places for annual sessions. It shall also recommend preachers and alternates for the Fall Sessions.

**9. COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT:** This committee is appointed by the moderator and shall be composed of five members. It shall work with the office staff to prepare for and direct the enrollment of messengers at each of the annual sessions.

## IX. DIVISION DIRECTORS

**Section A. Generally**

Division directors are nominated by the nominating committee and elected annually by the association according to procedure set forth in article VII of the attached constitution. A director for each of the following divisions shall be elected: Brotherhood, Discipleship Training, Deacon Consultant, Evangelism, Leisure Ministry, Media, Missions Development, Music, Seminary Extension, Sunday School, Womans Missionary Union, and Youth.

**Section B. Duties**

1. It shall be the responsibility of each Division Director to coordinate and assist the work of each committee or program group in that particular division.

2. The Division Director shall make quarterly progress reports to the Executive Board and shall prepare and submit a written annual report for the Book of Reports not later than the last scheduled meeting of the Executive Board prior to the Annual Session.
3. The Division Director shall serve on the Associational Council to help plan and coordinate the total associational ministry.
4. The Division Director shall prepare and submit a budget request for his/her division to the Finance Committee by July 1, prior to budget year planned.

## X. PARLIAMENTARIAN

The parliamentarian shall be appointed by the moderator and shall be well versed in Robert's Rules of Order.

## XI. DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

### Section A. Election

The Director of Missions shall be elected upon the recommendation of a duly elected search committee. Nominees for the Search Committee shall be presented by the Nominating Committee to the Executive Board who shall be responsible for electing the same. The Search Committee shall then search out and recommend a qualified candidate to the Executive Board for Election. The term of office for the Director of Missions shall be until terminated by mutual consent or at the official request of either party.

### Section B. Duties

The Director of Missions shall have general oversight of the work of the association, cooperating with all elected officers of the Association and member churches. The Director shall be an exofficio member of all committees, councils and organizations of the Association. His duties shall be carried out in accordance with agreed job description.

### Section C. Vacancy

When a vacancy occurs and during the interim period, *the Associational Council shall seek out and recommend an interim Director of Missions to the Executive Board.*

### Section D. Grievances

Any matter relating to the Director of Missions which is not covered in this constitution or covenant agreed upon by the association and the Director of Missions shall be referred to the DOM Relations Committee who in turn will make recommendations to the Executive Board if and when necessary.

## XII. REVENUE

The Bladen Baptist Association shall be supported through contributions from the affiliated churches and individual gifts. Gifts other than undesignated monies, shall be accepted at the discretion of the Finance Committee.

## XIII. SALARIES OF OFFICERS

Salaries of the Director of Missions of the association, as well as any other officer, shall be such amount as may be provided for in the Annual Budget and approved by the association in its Fall Session.

## XIV. MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The Minutes of all sessions of the association shall be examined, approved, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before being printed.

**XV. AUDITOR**

1. The Auditor shall examine the financial books and records of the association and submit a detailed report covering his audit at such time as may be required by the Executive Board of the association.

**XVI. VISITORS**

1. Visitors are welcome to attend any business session of the Bladen Baptist Association, but without deliberation or voting privileges. Vistors may speak at the discretion of the moderator.

**XVII. AMENDMENTS**

1. These By-Laws may be amended at any annual session of the association by a two-thirds vote, provided the proposed amendment(s) have been presented in writing during the first session. The vote shall then be taken the following day at a time on the program designated by the moderator.

**XVIII. EFFECTIVE DATE**

1. These By-Laws or any additions or amendments thereto shall become effective immediately upon passage.

Submitted by Constitution Committee
Mr. Worth Hester
Mrs. Josie Carroll
Mrs. Florence Suggs

Adopted
October 28, 1997

# ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY
## 2000-2001

### OFFICERS, PROGRAM LEADERS AND COMMITTEES

MODERATOR--Mr. Gene Brisson, 741 Cabbage Road, Bladenboro, NC 28320, 648-6192
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**DUBLIN, FIRST**--Rev. Cameron McGill, PO Box 471, Dublin, NC 28332, 862-8440

**ELIZABETHTOWN**--Rev. David Elks, 1800 West Broad St., Elizabethtown, NC 28337, 862-4538

**FAITH**--Rev. Oren Honeycutt, 14 Schaeman Circle, Lumberton, NC 28358, 739-1258

**FRIENDSHIP**--Rev. Ray Wilkins, 1989 Bull Street, Garland, NC 28441, 588-4686

**GALEED**--Rev. J.S. (Bud) Parrish, 1806 Abbottsburg Rd., Bladenboro, NC 28320, 648-4843

**GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION**--Rev. Lorenzo Torres, 7805 US 701 Hwy. N., Elizabethtown, NC 28337, 862-3268

**GRACE**--Rev. Orborn Gibson, 3458 Mitchell Ford Rd., Clarkton, NC 28433, 648-4649

**HICKORY GROVE**--Rev. James Brooks, 6362 Center Rd., Bladenboro, NC 28320, 648-4975

**LISBON**--Rev. Michael Smith, 4588 Lisbon Road, Clarkton, NC 28433, 645-4196

**LOVE GROVE**--Rev. Randy Andrews, 108 Autumn Circle, Elizabethtown, NC 28337, 862-2353

**NATMOORE**--Rev. Ray Best, 610 F.M. Stanley Rd., Clarendon, NC 28432, 653-5624

**NEW CENTER**--Rev. George Langley, 118 Hill Acres Rd., Bladenboro, NC 28320, 863-3483

**NORTHSIDE**--

**OASIS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**--Rev. Robert Carter, PO Box 1510, Bladenboro, NC 28320, 863-3276

**PEACE**--Rev. Buddy Cain, PO Box 876, Bladenboro, NC 28320, 863-3206

**RICHARDSON**--Rev. Richard Mabe, 115 Sugar Loaf Rd., Elizabethtown, NC 28337, 862-4786

**RIVERSIDE**--Rev. Currie Long, 5043 NC Hwy. 210 E., Harrells, NC 28444, 532-4709

**SANDY GROVE**--Rev. Jimmy Strole, 8347 NC Hwy 242 S, Bladenboro, NC 28320, 648-6775

**SHADY GROVE**--Rev. Don Coley, 284 Cape Owen Manor Rd., Bladenboro, NC 28320, 866-5910

**SUGGS GROVE**--Rev. David Rutland, 16638 NC Hwy. 53 W, Fayetteville, NC 28301, 866-5691

**TAR HEEL**--

**WEST BLADENBORO**--Rev. Bryan Blackwell, 512 Chestnut St., Bladenboro, NC 28320, 863-4113

**WHITE LAKE**--Rev. Walter Hayes, 7585 NC Hwy 41 E., Elizabethtown, NC 28337, 862-4255

**WHITE OAK**--Rev. Scott Lewis, 284 Hoover Rd., White Oak, NC 28399, 866-4467

**WHITES CREEK**--Rev. David Mull, 6111 Mercer Rd., Clarkton, NC 28433, 645-4646

**ZION HILL**--Rev. Robert Wilson, 1294 Storms Rd., Bladenboro, NC 28320, 863-3285

# CALENDAR 2001

## JANUARY 2001

2-5 Campus Ministers Retreat, Black Mountain
**8-9 State Evangelism Conference**
**9 Bladen Ministerial Alliance**
16-17 Assoc. Staff/General Board Meeting, Caraway
18-19 Vocational Evangelists Conf. - Caraway
22 NC Baptist Singers Concert, First Church Lumberton
**23 Bladen Pastor/Spouse Conference**
**23 Bladen Executive Board, Resource Center**
25 Deadline Summer Ministry Applications
**26-27 NC Baptist Men's Convention, Raleigh**
**28 Baptist Men's Day in Churches**
30 Council on Christian Life & Public Affairs Meeting, Caraway
30 Council on Christian Higher Education, Caraway

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## FEBRUARY 2001

11-17 WMU Focus Week
**13 Bladen Ministerial Alliance**
16-17 Summer Ministry Interviews, Caraway
18 Baptist Colleges & University Day
**20 Bladen Pastors/Spouse Conference**
23-25 Women's Personal Retreat
25 Volunteers in Mission Day

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## MARCH 2001

1 Mundo Vista Summer Camp Registration Opens
**4-11 Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Offering**
5-8 Youth Ministers' Continuing Ed. Retreat, North Myrtle Beach
8-10 Youth Ministers'/Spouses Marriage Enrichment Retreat, North Myrtle Beach
9-10 NCBM Board Meeting, Caraway
**13 Bladen Ministerial Alliance**
13-14 New Ministers Orientation
16-17 Great Commission Prayer Conference
16-17 Language Pastors' Retreat, Caraway
**20 Bladen Pastor/Spouse Conference**
**23-25 Missions Extravaganza #1, Ridgecrest**
26-30 Regional Church Admin. Conference
30-April 1 BSU Spring Conf. Caraway
**30-April 1 Missions Extravaganza #2, Ridgecrest**

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**APRIL 2001**

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| 2-4 | Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell |
| 6-8 | Spring Fling Retreat I, Caswell |
| **8** | **Cooperative Program Day** |
| 9-11 | Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell |
| 10 | Church Building Conference, East |
| **10** | **Bladen Ministerial Alliance** |
| 11 | Registration Deadline for State Bible Drills/Speakers Tournaments |
| 13 | Lad/Crusader Congress |
| 13 | Easter Holiday (BSC Offices Closed) |
| **15** | **EASTER** |
| **17** | **Bladen Pastor/Spouse Conference** |
| **17** | **Bladen Executive Board, Resource Center** |
| 20 | State Youth Bible Drills & Speakers Tournament |
| 20 | Church Orientation - Witness/Evangels |
| 20-21 | Interfaith Witness Seminar |
| 20-22 | Single Adult Retreat, Caswell |
| 20-22 | Spring Fling Retreat II, Caswell |
| 21 | State Children's Bible Drills |
| 23-25 | Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell |
| 27 | State Youth Bible Drills & Speakers Tournament |
| **27-28** | **Disaster Recovery Expo, Caraway** |
| 27-29 | Spring Fling Retreat III, Caswell |
| 28 | State Children's Bible Drill |
| 30-May 2 | Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell |

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**MAY 2001**

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| 4-5 | Father/Son Weekend, Caraway |
| 4-6 | Acteens/Youth on Mission Retreat, Caswell |
| 5 | Finalist Youth Bible Drill/Speakers Tournament |
| 7-8 | Key Leadership, Caswell |
| **8** | **Bladen Ministerial Alliance** |
| 12 | State Royal Ambassador Track Meet |
| 14-16 | Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell |
| 14-16 | Spring Senior Adult Conference, Caraway |
| 16-18 | Spring Senior Adult Conference, Caraway |
| 18-20 | Spring Fling Retreat IV, Caswell |
| 20-24 | Summer Ministry Orientation, Meredith |
| 21-23 | Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell |
| **21-27** | **National Association Emphasis Week** |
| **22** | **Bladen Pastor/Spouse Conf.** |
| 25-27 | Couples Spring Break, Caswell |
| 28 | Memorial Day Holiday (BSC closed) |
| 28-June 2 | Youth Evangelism Week 1, Caswell |

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**JUNE 2001**

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| **1-2** | **WMU Associational Leadership Team Training (East)** |
| 4-9 | Youth Conference I, Caswell |
| 10-11 | SBC WMU Meeting/Training, New Orleans |
| 11 | Caraway Summer Camp for Boys Opens |
| 11-15 | GA Camp, Camp Mundo Vista |
| 11-16 | Youth Conference II, Caswell |
| **12** | **Bladen Ministerial Alliance** |
| **12-13** | **Southern Baptist Conv., New Orleans** |
| 18-22 | GA Camp, Mundo Vista |
| 18-23 | Youth Evangelism Week II, Caswell |
| 22-23 | WMU Associational Training, Caraway |
| 25-29 | GA Camp, Mundo Vista |
| 25-30 | Youth Evangelism Week III, Caswell |

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**JULY 2001**

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| 2-6 | GA/Acteens Camp, Mundo Vista |
| 2-6 | Family fun & Focus Week, Caswell |
| 2-6 | Week of Christian Study, Mars Hill College |
| **4** | **July 4th Holiday (BSC offices closed)** |
| 9-13 | Acteens/Angel Tree Camp, Mundo Vista |
| 9-14 | World Missions Week, Caswell |
| **10** | **Bladen Ministerial Alliance** |
| 13-14 | WMU Associational Training, Caraway |
| 16-20 | GA Camp, Mundo Vista |
| 16-21 | Youth ConferenceIII, Caswell |
| **17** | **Bladen Executive Board - Resource Center** |
| 20-22 | Biovocational Ministers Retreat - Caraway |
| 23-27 | Grace For The Journey - Caraway |
| 23-27 | GA Camp, Mundo Vista |
| 23-28 | Youth Conference IV, Caswell |
| **26-27** | **SUPER SUMMER 2001, Carowinds** |
| 30-Aug. 3 | Conference By The Sea I, Caswell |
| 30 Aug. 3 | Youth Evangelism IV, Caswell |

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**AUGUST 2001**

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| 4-6 | Happiness Retreat 1, Caraway |
| 6-8 | Happiness Retreat 2, Caraway |
| 8-10 | Happiness Retreat 3, Caraway |
| 10-11 | Church Brotherhood Training, Caraway |
| **14** | **Bladen Ministerial Alliance** |
| 17-18 | Lay Witnessing Conference, Caraway |
| **21** | **Bladen Pastor/Spouse Conference** |
| 20-24 | Conference By The Sea II, Caswell |
| 27-28 | Volunteer Chaplains Workshop, Caraway |

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**SEPTEMBER 2001**

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| **3** | **Labor Day Holidays (BSC offices closed)** |
| **9-16** | **Week of Prayer NC Missions/Offering** |
| 10-12 | Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell |
| **11** | **Bladen Ministerial Alliance** |
| 14-15 | Lad/Crusader Camporee, Caraway Campgrounds |
| 17-19 | Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell |
| **18** | **Bladen Pastor/Spouse Conference** |
| 22-23 | Youth Min. Council Planning Retreat, Caswell |
| 24-26 | Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell |
| 28-30 | Baptist Student Convention Retreat, Ridgecrest |

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**OCTOBER 2001 - (Cooperative Program Month)**

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| 1-3 | Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell |
| 3-5 | Annual Chaplains' Conference - Caraway |
| 8-10 | Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell |
| 8-10 | Fall Senior Adult Conference, Caraway |
| **9** | **Bladen Ministerial Alliance** |
| 12-13 | Royal Ambassador Leadership Training |
| 12-14 | NC Creative Ministries Festival "Curtain Call" |
| 14 | World Hunger Day |
| 15-17 | Wired To Grow Church Growth Conference - Apex |
| 15-17 | Fall Senior Adult Conference, Caraway |
| 15-17 | Coastal Senior Adult Conference, Caswell |
| 17-19 | Fall Senior Adult Conference, Caraway |
| 19-20 | Literacy Missions Retreat - Caraway |
| 19-20 | WMU Resource Team Training, Caraway |
| 22-24 | Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell |
| 26-27 | Conference on Addictions, Caraway |
| **29** | **Bladen Baptist Association Annual Meeting** |
| **30** | **Bladen Baptist Association Annual Meeting** |
| **29-31** | **Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell** |
| **???** | **Super Saturday (youth) Lowes Motor Speedway, Charlotte (Dates TBA)** |

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**NOVEMBER 2001**

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| 4-10 | Royal Ambassador Week in the Churches |
| 5 | Bible Drill Leader/Judges Training |
| 5-9 | Grace For The Journey, Caswell |
| 9-10 | NC Baptist Health Care Fellowship Annual Meeting |
| 12 | NC Baptist Youth Ministers Assoc. Meeting |
| **12-14** | **Baptist State Convention/Winston-Salem** |
| **13** | **Bladen Ministerial Alliance Meeting** |
| **19** | **Associational M-Night** |
| 19-21 | Fall Youth Evangelism Retreat, Caswell |
| **20** | **Bladen Pastor/Spouse Conference** |
| **22-23** | **Thanksgiving Holidays** |

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**DECEMBER 2001**

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| **2-9** | **Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** |
| 3-5 | Sr. Adult Christmas by the Sea, Caswell |
| 5-7 | Sr. Adult Christmas by the Sea, Caswell |
| 10-12 | Sr. Adult Christmas by the Sea, Caswell |
| **11** | **Bladen Ministerial Alliance** |
| 24,25,26 | Christmas Holidays (BSC offices closed) |

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# EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
## February 1, 2000

After having to have been postponed for two consecutive weeks due to weather conditions, the Executive Board met at the Bladen Baptist Association Resource Center on February 1, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. with Moderator Darryll Hester presiding. Rev. Hester led in devotion taken from Isaiah 1:18. Rev. Hester also led in prayer.

The role call of churches was made by Rev. Hester in the absence of our Association Clerk. Thirty-one members (31) were present with nineteen (19) churches represented.

Minutes from the called meeting of December 30, 1999, called for the purpose of approving the call of Rev. Bruce Cannon as Director of Missions, were read by Rev. Hester. Mr. David Clark corrected the minutes to reflect the change in the association budget regarding the salary package given to Rev. Cannon as DOM. Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as corrected, the motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** No report.

**DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING:** Mrs. Etta Smith reported on the success of M-Night which took place at Center Road Baptist Church on Nov. 22. Center Road Church received both banners given.. Mrs. Phyllis Elvington did an outstanding job in speaking on "Transformed Disciples". Mrs. Smith encouraged all the churches to be involved in Children's Bible Drill. As of the date of the Executive Meeting there was still time for churches to be involved in the Bible Drill.

**MUSIC:** No report.

**WMU:** Ms. Glenda Ward reported on the Day of Prayer at Bladenboro First. Eight (8) churches were represented. In December, the WMU ladies in the county provided refreshments for the reception for Dr. and Mrs. Roberts and did an outstanding job. Ms. Ward further commented on some of the events taking place in other churches. Clarkton First had a prayer breakfast in the fall. Galeed BYW's hosted a Women's Conference with Ms. Renae Henderson as guest speaker. There were several classes dealing with issues families face that participants could attend. There will be an opportunity, on April 18th, at the WMU Annual Meeting to hear Ms. Wanda Lee, president of the Convention's WMU. Ms. Ward encouraged everyone to invite their ladies, and men, to attend.

**MEDIA/LIBRARY:** No report.

**ANNUITY:** No report.

**MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT:** No report.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Mr. David Clark presented the Treasurer's report which included the budget that had been mailed out with the minutes from the last Executive Committee meeting. Those who had not received a copy were given one. The Association was able again to operate with necessary funds having been given by the churches. He expressed thanks to the WMU for their contributions through the Thrift Shop in Bladenboro and to the churches for their contributions. Motion was made and seconded to accept the treasure's report; the motion carried.

**EVANGELISM:** No report.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** The Nominating Committee, through chairman Rev. Richard Smith, reported they had not had an opportunity to meet to fill certain vacant positions due to the weather conditions of the past several weeks.

**DEACON REPORT:** Rev. David Rutland reported of scheduling a Deacon/Spouse Workshop on Friday, March 24th. It is hoped to have Mr. Eddie Hammett meet with the Deacons and to have a special guest speaker, perhaps Mrs. Renae Henderson, for the ladies. The place of the meeting will be announced at a later date.

**DOM REPORT:** DOM Cannon shared Scripture that God has burned into his heart. He read from Romans 13:11 and from Revelation 20:12. He called attention to the fact that time is fleeting when sharing the Gospel, and that of the day of judgement, the Great White Throne Judgment, for those who are lost. He asked the Association to be willing to do whatever is necessary to spread the Gospel. He shared several tools for doing this. The *Mapping Center* allows churches to have a list of prospects within their ministry fields. He shared a vision of knocking on every door in our county this year giving everyone an opportunity to have a Gospel presentation whether through the *Jesus Video* or tracts.

Rev. Cannon called on Rev. David Rutland, a member of the Evangelism Committee, to share further information regarding the *Mapping Center*. The *Mapping Center* program is now loaded on Rev. Rutland's computer which will allow him to generate the necessary lists of prospects for every one of the Association's churches. He will be happy to help anyone who contacts him.

Rev. Cannon also called on Mr. Harvey Bedsole to present information regarding Disaster Recovery. Mr. Bedsole asked that every church give the Association the name of someone in their church who would be willing to serve as a Disaster Recovery Contact for their church. This person would be asked to find others in their church, at least three, who would be willing to go to Disaster situations if called on. This would provide a pool of people in the Association who could go; hopefully a team of 8 or 10 could go out from out Association when the call came in. Mr. Bedsole also encouraged the churches to be involved in Handyman's Ministry. This is a wonderful opportunity to help people who have problems with their homes, but are unable to take care of the problem themselves.

Mr. Bedsole made himself available to talk to any churches to help them start a Disaster Recovery or Handyman's Ministry group.

Mr. Bedsole and Rev. Cannon called attention to the fact that persons from Chinquapin (Duplin County) are in great need of help in getting back into their homes. The flood from Hurricane Floyd damaged 119 homes to the point that they are unliveable. As of this point 110 homes still cannot be lived in. Mr. Bedsole spoke of Mr. Gene Williams who has been going weekly to help repair the home in Chinquapin. He encouraged everyone present to be involved in this ministry and to generate support for it throughout the Association.

Rev. Cannon reported of the upcoming Baccalaureate Service sponsored by the Bladen County Ministerial Alliance. The service is scheduled for May 21st at 3:00 p.m. He also reported of the work going on in the Hispanic Mission. The Mission is currently involved in handling our copies of the *Jesus Video* and are considering purchase of a mobile unit for Sunday School class space.

Rev. Cannon introduced the three pastors who have begun serving in the Association since the last Executive meeting. They include Rev. Randy Andrews of Love Grove, Rev. Bryan Blackwell of West Bladenboro, and Rev. Robert Wilson of Zion Hill.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

Motion was made at 8:33 p.m. by Rev. Jerry Beck to adjourn. Rev. James Brooks closed in prayer

Respectfully submitted by:
Rev. Darryll Hester, Moderator
Rev. Bruce Cannon, DOM

# EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
## April 17,2000

The Executive Board met at the Bladen Baptist Associational Center on April 17, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. with Vice Moderator Gene Brisson presiding in the absence of Moderator Hester who was away in a revival meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Moderator Brisson who expressed some of his thoughts as devotion and DOM Cannon led in prayer.

The role call of churches was made by the clerk, Mrs. Virginia W. Gause. Twenty-two members (22) were present with thirteen (13) churches represented.

The minutes of the February 1, 2000 meeting were approved with no corrections. Rev. Walter Hayes made the motion and Rev. Richard Smith seconded the motion to accept as printed.

**REPORTS:**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** No report.

**DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING:** No report.

**BROTHERHOOD:** Mr. Ewin Davis reported on the work that the Baptist men had been doing with the handy-man van. He expressed his appreciation for the cooperation of the men and encouraged each church to have a contact representative when the need did arise for the van to go out on a mission. He encouraged a church who had not sent in the name of their representative to do so as soon as possible.

At this point, Mr. Davis recognized Rev. Walter Hayes who reported that the van would be leaving on May 5 and 6 to an undetermined destination to help with the victims of Hurricane Floyd, and if anyone wanted to go to please contact the associational office. He indicated that there were still a lot of folks North of us who had to leave their homes and have been unable to return to them. Rev. Hayes reported that there would be a training for certification at Caraway in about two weeks. DOM Cannon commented that he and Mr. Kenneth Huggins and Mr. Kit Carson, Area Coordinator, were working on getting another training event located here. He said that at Caraway there would be training in areas such as child care, pastor relief, or disaster recovery. He said if anyone was interested in this training which will take place sometime at the end of April to let him know because interested people would have to register for the training.

**MUSIC:** No report.

**WMU:** No report.

**MEDIA LIBRARY:** No report.

**ANNUITY:** Rev. Don Coley reported there was now a plan available where pastors could take out a second annuity. The contact person if anyone was interested is Mr. Johnny Ross at the state convention. This can be done by telephone.

**MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT:** Rev. Walter reported that the Leisure Ministry would be involved with the hospice tournament again this year. He also said that the disaster recovery unit would be pulling the leisure float in the parade at Kelly which will take place during April. He said that they were also doing the same thing in the water festival parade which will be in May and do the same during the fun day to be held in Tar Heel. The van would be available for people to be able to tour during each of these festivities. He also reported they were getting ready for the White Lake Ministry and this year two part time chaplains were being hired that will go in and out of the camp ground passing out tracts and co-ordinate gospel singing and work with the ministry that is being held on Sunday mornings. He encouraged anyone who can do any type of ministry such as singing, teaching lessons, puppet

ministry, drama, clown ministry or anything else, they can volunteer to go door to door in the camp grounds passing out tracts and then enjoy the lake as they please. He encouraged anyone who can do any type of ministry such as singing, teaching lessons, puppet ministry, drama, clown ministry or anything else, they can volunteer to go door to door in the camp grounds passing out tracts and then enjoy the lake as they please.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Mr. David Clark gave the Treasurer's report as had been mailed out to the members prior to the meeting. He asked for any questions and made a motion that the report be approved as printed. There were no questions and was approved with a unanimous vote.

**EVANGELISM:** No report.

**DOM REPORT:** DOM cannon expressed his appreciation to each member for being willing to move the meeting one day earlier to accommodate our Annual WMU Meeting which will take place on April 18, 2000. He encouraged prayer for our Key Leadership team who will be traveling to Fort Caswell on May 1 & 2.

DOM Cannon announced that the Baccalaureate Service will take place on May 21, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. at Bladen Community College.

Mr. Phil Stone from the State Baptist Convention, will be with us in the Association on Tuesday, May 23 at Center Road Baptist Church to discuss the recent changes in Sunday School materials and to share with us the changes that may be on the horizon.

DOM Cannon emphasized the Associational Missions Week which is May 22-28. Information pertaining to this wil lbe going out to the churches soon.

DOM Cannon announced that there will be a Billy Graham Associate Evangelistic Event to be held on May 18-21 at the Columbus County Warehouse in Whiteville. Dr. Ralph Bell will be the guest evangelist.

DOM Cannon indicated there is a need to have a Disaster Recovery Coordinator in each church and for each church to report to the associational office their contact person.

Vice-Moderator recognized Mr. Harvey Bedsole, who reported on work that had been going on with the disaster van team. He encouraged workers to help complete a project they were working on this weekend.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:** Rev. Richard Smith, Chairman, presented the new slate of officers for year beginning October, 2000. The report was presented in the form of a motion by Rev. Smith and was seconded by Rev. Don Coley. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Rev. Walter Hayes was recognized by the Vice-Moderator who made a motion for a committee to be appointed for the purpose of checking the feasibility of constructing a building on the associational office site to house the disaster recovery van. The motion received a second and motion was carried with a unanimous vote. The following people were named to serve on the committee: Mr. Dale Brennon, Rev. Walter Hayes, Mr. Kenneth Huggins, Mr. Harvey Bedsole and Mr. David Clark.

Motion was made at 8:15 p.m. by Rev. Richard Smith to adjourn. Rev. Scott Lewis closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Mr. Gene Brisson, Vice-Moderator
Mrs. Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

# EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
## July 18, 2000

The Executive Board met at the Bladen Baptist Association Center on July 18, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. with Vice-Moderator Gene Brisson presiding in the absence of Moderator Hester, who was away on a mission trip.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Moderator Brisson who read from Acts 12:5-16. He closed the devotional period with prayer.

The roll call of churches was made by the clerk, Mrs. Virginia Gause. There were eighteen (18) members present with fourteen (14) churches represented.

The minutes of the April 17, 2000 meeting were approved as presented with Mr. David Clark making the motion and seconded by Rev. Steve Butler.

**REPORTS:**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**: DOM Cannon reported for Mrs. Barbara Britt. On May 23, 2000 at Center Road Baptist Church there was a Sunday School Teacher/Workers meeting. Mr. Phil Stone was the leader for the meeting. It was well attended. On September 19, 2000 during the key leadership conference to be held at Sandy Grove Baptist Church Mr. Ricky Hughes will be guest speaker talking about "how to have an effective Sunday School."

DOM Cannon also announced that on August 15, 2000 at Elizabethtown Baptist Church there will be a Church Growth Conference led by Mr. Marty Dupree. More information will be mailed to the churches before this date giving more information. On August 29, 2000, the WMU/Brotherhood Key Leadership Conference will be held at Bladenboro Baptist Church. The Key Leadership conference for the remaining leaders will be held at Sandy Grove Baptist Church on September 19, 2000. More information will be available at a later date for these two conferences.

**DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING:** DOM Cannon reported in the absence of Mrs. Etta Smith. There were six children and one youth participating in the Bible Drill this year at the state level. Everyone was a winner. The trophies will be presented to the winners at Center Road Baptist Church on August 13, 2000 during the morning worship service. DOM Cannon urged all churches who do not have a Bible Drill leader in their church to consider getting one during the election of the new officers for the coming year. He expressed a sincere desire for prayer for discipleship training.

**BROTHERHOOD:** No report. DOM Cannon reported that Mr. Ewin Davis, Brotherhood Director is not well and asked that he be remembered in prayer.

**MUSIC DIRECTOR:** DOM Cannon reported in the absence of Mrs. Betsy Smith, Director. Mrs. Smith will be mailing out music for the annual meeting to all of the churches within the next few weeks and urged support from all of the churches. She is planning to create a music resource area at the associational office and will be placing in the area used musical material which can by used by other churches. She will be mailing out quarterly music newsletters to the church leaders informing them of the availability of state music conference etc.

**WMU**: Mrs. Glenda Ward reported that on June 23 & 24 several of the WMU leaders attended a leadership conference at Camp Carraway. This was a spiritual uplift as well as providing valuable leadership material. She also reminded that the WMU/Brotherhood Key Leadership conference will be held at Bladenboro First Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m.. She urged the churches to send their leaders to this conference. She reported that we do not have a consultant for Co-Ed's group. She asked that if anyone knew of a couple or an individual to serve in this capacity to let her know as this is an important group, especially for the churches who do not have enough of boys and girls to divide them into the

GA, Acteen and RA groups. She reported that on November 6, 2000 there will be a day of prayer at the Bladenboro Baptist church for anyone to come and pray from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. There will be two people from the church there at all times to assist in anyway needed. There will be a prayer guide available. She also reported that the annual WMU meeting will be on April 24, 2001. More information will be available later.

**MEDIA-LIBRARAY**: No report.

**ANNUITY**: No report.

**MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT**: No report.

**STEWARDSHIP**: Mr. David Clark presented the Treasurer's report. A copy of the report had been mailed to all executive members. Mr. Clark made a motion that the report be accepted and was seconded by Mr. Harvey Bedsole. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

**EVANGELISM:** No report.

**DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS**: Rev. Cannon reported. He emphasized again about the Evangelism Key Leadership Conference for August 15, 2000, 7:00 p.m. at the Elizabethtown Baptist Church, and who will feature Mr. Marty Dupree of the Baptist State Convention. He will be speaking on the subject, "Ten Commandments of Church Growth." This is an outstanding, very practical set of ideas that need to be present in every church if they are going to be able to reach this world for Christ. This conference is for the entire church membership. He encouraged the churches to participate in the Key Leadership Conferences which have already been announced in this meeting.

DOM Cannon encouraged all key leaders to get their reports in for the Book of Reports to the Associational office by the end of August. We also need the VBS reports as quickly as possible. He also encouraged all churches to send their ACP's to the office in early October. The clerks will get a specific date at the key leadership conference.

The Annual Sessions will take place on Monday, October 23 at the Bladenboro First Baptist Church and Tuesday, October 24 at the Elizabethtown Baptist Church. Rev. Don Bouldin, Rev. Rick Hughes and Mr. Mark Abernathy will be present with us to speak during the annual sessions.

The Elizabethtown Division of Aging is seeking help from our churches to provide labor for ramps and hand rails for those in need. They have received some funding to purchase and provide materials for this need. Currently, a 40+ year old in Elizabethtown, who is a recent amputee, needs a ramp to be able to get in and out of his home. The contact person is Joan Allen at 862-6930.

DOM Cannon expressed his concern with the decrease in Sunday School attendance over the past ten years in the Bladen Baptist Association. His research from January 1, 1990 to December 31, 1999 revealed that there has been a reduction of 275 persons. His prayer is that we seek God to show us how to turn around our decline. He believes the answer is prayer.

The prayer ideas for the year 2000 include Campus Prayer Journey 2000, See You At the Pole, Pastor's Prayer Closet, Public Prayer Gatherings, Praying Your Friends to Christ and Prayer Walking.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES REPORTS**: None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**: Vice-Moderator Brisson recognized Mr. Harvey Bedsole who reported from the committee that had been appointed by the Vice-Moderator for the purpose of looking into the possibility of building a garage to house our disaster recovery van. The committee composed of Harvey Bedsole, David Clark, Dale Brennon, Walter Hayes, Kenneth Huggins and Marshall Long.

The committee has met and plans have been drawn up for a 30x30 ft. building. The exterior walls would be 16ft. tall. The building will be located about eight feet back from the present building. Mr. Bedsole had the blue prints available at the meeting and encouraged anyone to look at them tonight. Mr. Bedsole projected the building would cost $18,484.87. The only expense Mr. Bedsole is projecting for labor is laying of the brick and pouring the concrete. Mr. Bedsole gave a breakdown of what the price of the building consisted of and asked for any questions pertaining to the committee report. Rev. Jerry Beck made a motion that we build the building. The motion was seconded and vice-moderator called for discussion. Before the discussion Mr. Bedsole explained that the line of credit that the association had established with the bank when the Hispanic Mission was built is still available if and when we need it. Rev. Beck amended his motion to include that we use the line of credit that is available at the bank in the event we need it, and this amendment received a second. Vice-Moderator presented the amendment that we allow the committee to use the line of credit that has already been established. There was no discussion and the amendment was approved with no opposition. Vice-Moderator Brisson presented the motion made by Rev. Beck to build the building to the board. The motion was approved with no opposition. Rev. Steve Butler made a motion that the money left over from the purchase of the disaster recovery van be transferred to the building fund to be used for the building of the garage. The motion received a second and carried with no opposition.

Vice-Moderator Brisson commended the committee for their endeavors and hard work.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. David Clark was recognized to present the budget for 2000-2001 year as printed. A copy of the budget was passed to all executive members. Mr. Clark made a motion that the report be approved and would go to the annual meeting for approval in October. Mr. Clark addressed the minor changes in the budget. A copy of the budget is attached. The total budget is $92.210.00. The motion received a second and was carried with no opposition.

Vice-Moderator Brisson recognized Rev. Steve Butler who told about his Prayer Ministry. He expressed how God had opened the door for his ministry and how He was blessing it. He challenged each one to pray more.

Mr. Harvey Bedsole commented on things going on with the Hispanic Mission. They are in the process of putting up a new sign in front of the building and the fact they need Sunday School class rooms. There has been some used mobile class rooms located and urged us to continue praying for this mission.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Rev. Jerry Beck announced a benefit gospel singing to be held at Bethel Baptist Church on July 21, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. The price is $5.00 per person. There will be four groups singing.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. with Rev. Steve Butler leading in prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Mr. Gene Brisson, Vice-Moderator
Mrs. Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

## DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT 2000

I began duties as Director of Missions January 1, 2000. I came to this position with mixed emotions. Leaving the pastorate was very difficult for me. That combined with the enormity of the task of being Director of Missions has been overwhelming at times. The preceding Directors of Missions, Mrs. Ruth Prince, Rev. Dwight Cooper, and Dr. Mack Roberts, were very outstanding leaders. I wondered what abilities and assets I had that could help Bladen Baptists accomplish the work that needs to be done in our county. Yet, there was also an excitement in my heart at the prospect of being able to be used in this capacity.

You have all been very patient and supportive. I have been, and continue to be, very

thankful for that. Having Mrs. Roberts remaining with the Association has made this transition much easier for me. I am very thankful to her also.

Bladen Baptists are some of the finest people I have ever met. You have made my transition very easy. I am looking forward to our continued relationship together very much. Together, I think we can do a great work for the Lord in Bladen County.

I want to assist our pastors and churches in accomplishing the goals God has for us. I will attempt to secure every resource we need to be on mission. The North American Mission Board, Lifeway, and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina have committed to helping us in every way possible.

Dream with me. We are a team of thirty-six congregations scattered throughout Bladen County that God has great plans for. We are sister churches who have associated together to accomplish what one or two cannot do alone.

I want to thank the Lord for each of our Bladen Baptists. As Paul said to the Philippians, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now."

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce E. Cannon
Director of Missions

## MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Another year has come and gone in Bladen County. We were able to fulfill the goals for this year only by the help of all the fine people of our churches in the Bladen Baptist Association. All one needs to do is look at the mission statement for Leisure Ministry and you will see. The purpose of this ministry shall be to search for and provide opportunities through which the Bladen Baptist Association may share the love of our Lord Jesus Christ with those individuals who may visit, reside in, or work in the resort/recreational area of Bladen County. So with this year in the books, let me invite you and your church to start now to work on plans to be a part of Leisure Ministry in Bladen County for next year. You can work at the Lake or many other places in the County. If you need help in finding a place or a way to share Jesus please call me. May I take a moment to thank all of you for your prayers, time, and energy in helping us take Jesus to the world.

Thank you again,
Walter Hayes
Missions Development Director

## DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING REPORT

M-Night was held on November 22, 1999 at Center Road Baptist Church with an attendance of 167. There were ten churches represented. The banners both went to Center Road Baptist Church as they had 83 in attendance giving them 85%. Our speaker, Mrs. Phyllis Elvington, gave us a very inspirational message entitled, "Transformed Disciples."

We had six children and one youth to participate in Bible Drill this year on State level. Every one was a winner. We thank God for these and for all of our Bible Drill leaders who have worked so diligently.

Trophies were presented during morning worship service on August 13 at Center Road Baptist Church.

Please be in much prayer for Discipleship Training in our Association.

Respectfully Submitted,
Etta Smith
Discipleship Supporter

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

This year's theme for Sunday School is "Sunday School for a New Century" and it's all about change. Recently, when ordering our fall Sunday School literature, we had to make new choices for our Sunday School curriculum.

In January each church received a ***Sunday School for a New Century Preview Pack*** describing the new Sunday School curriculum choices. The purpose of the preview pack was to help each church understand the new curriculum choices so that the church could make godly decisions about what is best for their individual church.

Phil Stone, an outstanding Sunday School leader from the State Baptist Convention, came to our association in May and shared current information related to Sunday School and discussed the four new curriculum choices coming in the fall of 2000 with many of our Sunday School directors, pastors and teachers. The new resources: ***Family Bible Study, Explore the Bible, Life Trak,*** and ***Bible Foundations*** are replacing all LifeWay Sunday School curriculum choices, including the ***Life and Work Series*** and the ***Family Bible Series***. We were reminded again that Sunday School is God's work of changing a believer into the likeness of Jesus by creating a new identity in Christ and by empowering a lifelong relationship of love, trust, and obedience to glorify God.

An integral part of the Sunday School program is Vacation Bible School which continues to be a great success in our churches. Not only has God blessed many of our churches with record attendances this year, but also with many youngsters coming to know Christ as their personal Savior as a result of the seeds that were planted and nourished in Vacation Bible School. Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation go to the many dedicated committed Christian Vacation Bible School workers who allowed God to use them.

Sunday School in the Bladen Baptist Association continues to be the foundational strategy in each of our local churches for leading people to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and for building Great Commission Christians through Bible study groups that engage people in evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, ministry, and worship. We know that Sunday School must continue to be a top priority in our churches if we are able to do the will of God.

May God bless you as you continue to teach His Word and lead people to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Baxley Britt
Associational Sunday School Director

# WMU ASSOCIATION REPORT

In 1888, the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention was organized "at the repeated encouragement of a missionary to China named Lottie Moon, the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, and numerous outstanding Baptist pastors...The basic purpose then was to promote and support missions, especially as that involved helping the church fulfill its mission and educating its members in missions." WMU was organized in the Bladen Baptist Association. Baptist women in our association have continued to hold true to the established prupose of WMU.

To carry out WMU's purpose, five tasks are outlined as follows:

- Pray for and give to missions
- Do missions
- Learn about missions
- Develop spiritually toward a missions lifestyle
- Participate in the work of the church and the denomination

Last November WMU sponsored the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer. Forth-seven women representing eight churches from across the county entered Bladenboro First Baptist Church for a time of quiet meditation and prayer between the hours of 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM. Both the International Mission Board and the North American Mission Board Weeks of Prayer were observed on an individual church basis.

WMU promoted giving through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Mission Friends at one church had a Christmas in August celebration and collected an offering for the Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong Offerings.

Not only did this teach giving to missions, but it also worked toward developing a missions lifestyle in even the youngest members.

Individual church WMU's conducted special mission studies on foreign and home missions. This provided for a special time for the task of learning about missions. Age-level organizations promote the learning about missions in their regular meetings. We are especially pleased to report that Love Grove organized G.A. group this past year.

Participation in the work of the church and denomination took many forms as people worked in their churches. In the Bladen Association many women helped prepare for the reception for Dr. and Mrs. Mack Roberts. This honored two wonderful laborers in Christ and promoted a time of good fellowship for God's children.

Fulfilling the task of doing missions was clearly carried out. On the associational level WMU sent three hundred pairs of slouch socks for the women in the state prison system. These socks were part of Christmas gift boxes given by the North Carolina WMU each year as a witness of Christ's love for all. An estimated two hundred pairs of socks were given to the Hurricane Floyd relief project. Many mission activities were carried out in the individual churches. The following activities are examples, but not meant to be an all- inclusive list. At least three women participated in the Mission Fest 2000 in Charleston this year. Numerous baby items were given to the Bladen Crisis Pregnancy Center. Campbell soup labels were collected for a home missionary's project. One group provided a weekly reading program at a local apartment village. School supplies for a local student were provided by a young women's group. Money and food were provided for individual families in need. Many participated in the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box project. Very recently WMU has been providing the lunch for the workers on the garage for the disaster relief van.

Four of the associational WMU officers attended the state leadership conference at Caraway in June. Key leadership training was provided for church WMU leaders in August.

Last April the Bladen Associational WMU met for its annual meeting hosted by the Suggs Grove Baptist Church. We were especially honored to have as our guest speaker Wanda Lee, the new national Executive Director of WMU. Her warm personality and mission message inspired us.

WMU remains committed to providing mission education and opportunities for participation in God's work. As our permanent watchword reminds us we are "labourers together with God" (1 Cor. 3:9).

Respectfully Submitted,
Ms. Glenda Ward
Associational WMU Director

## BROTHERHOOD REPORT
## 2000

There have been many opportunities for Bladen Baptists to be involved in missions this past year. Hurrican Floyd blew through our area in September, 1999 as a strong Category 2 hurricane dumping tremendous amounts of rain and leaving many of our North Carolina neighbors homeless. Several of our Churches sent teams into these areas to work. As of this date efforts are still underway in the Grifton, Tarboro, and Burgaw areas to help rebuild homes that were damaged.

To aid in our Disaster Recoverey efforts, Bladen Baptists donated money to purchase a Disaster Recovery Vehicle. The vehicle was purchased in 1999, but there was no place to house it. Efforts are currently underway to build a building which will not only serve to house the vehicle but also to serve as a place to train our people in Disaster Recovery efforts. Several of our churches have already contributed money toward purchasing the materials needed to build this building.

To further aid in our Disaster Recovery efforts, attempts are being made to secure a Disaster Recovery Coordinator in each of our churches. When a phone call is received in the Association Office from the Baptist State Convention making us aware of an emergency

situation and a need for our help, this person would be contacted. They, in turn, would be responsible for contacting those within their church who have expressed a willingness to help. If you would like to serve in this capacity please contact the Association Office and give us your name and telephone number.

In addition to being able to be used for Disaster Recovery efforts, the Disaster Recovery Vehicle can be used by the local church in handyman ministries. Any church needing to use the Disaster Recovery Vehicle for handyman ministries can do so by simply contacting the Association Office and reserving it. Handyman ministries are an excellent way of showing the love of God to those who are in need.

Bladen Baptist Men are also wanting to partner with our State Convention by working in some of the ongoing partnerships. Currently North Carolina Baptists have partnered with South Africa, Honduras, and Alaska. Information regarding missions opportunities in these areas, as it is received from our Convention, will be passed out to the churches. We hope to have several teams from the Bladen Baptist Association working on mission trips in these areas.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ewin Davis
Associational Brotherhood Director

## ASSOCIATIONAL MUSIC REPORT

*"When we all get to Heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be, When we all see Jesus, we'll SING and shout the victory!.....", "I will sing the wondrous story.....", "I will sing of my Redeemer.....", "Sing the wondrous love of Jesus.....", "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above.....", "Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of live....", I could go on and on.*

Over and over in our hymns and our songs of praise, and especially in Scripture, the word, "sing," or a variation is found. Most of the time it is in reference to many, not just one. Sadly, in our churches today, and in our own association, we try to sing alone. Do you think this is what God intends? Yes, He wants our personal songs of praise, but when we gather in worship He wants ALL the singers joining in praise to Him. Too many times we want to keep it all inside out own congregations instead of joining together to lift high the name of the Lord.

There are many things we as an Association could do with our choirs and musical talents present in our churches, but the one thing that needs to be a goal for us in this coming year is sharing. Therefore, I am asking all the Churches in the Association to join together to make it possible for all of our Churches to have access to music that individual churches may not be able to afford. To do this, we are forming an Associational Music Library. This cannot be done without your help! Each church will be asked to take stock of what they have available to share. A list of cantatas, accompaniment tracks for those cantatas, lists of books and numbers available, and lists of anthems, children's music, Glory Songs, and other praise books will be asked for. It will require some initial work, but by compiling these lists, churches in the association that are too small to afford music can have access to good resources, and the larger churches can feel that they have shared some of the love of Christ by helping their sister churches.

PLEASE be in prayer for this endeavor. It is one that can help us all unite in song to reach those outside our doors and even those inside that need a fresh touch in song. Detailed lists will be sent out to each church soon. Pastors and Music Leaders, please do not overlook this important need.

Respectfully,
Betsy Smith, Associational Music Director

# EVANGELISM REPORT
# 1999-2000

Billy Graham says in his book , "A BIBLICAL STANDARD FOR EVANGELIST". Why is Christianity so different from every other religion in the world? What is distinctive about Christian discipleship from other religions? His answer is the person of Jesus Christ.

This is the most exciting time in the life of the Christian. There is so much going on. That is why we need a program of evangelism. World conditions make it necessary, dissatisfaction with the past make it necessary. So we must train in our ministry of witnessing and evangelism to carry out the "GREAT COMMISSION".

This year I attended the Key Leadership Conference at Cashwell. Also we have had one conference with Marty Dupree on Church Growth. We plan another in the spring of 2001 on how to transition your church for the new years ahead.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you in this manner.

R/S Rev. David Rutland
Chairman, Evangelism Committee

# ORDINATION COUNCIL REPORT
# 2000

The Ordination Council of your Association stands ready to assist churches in questioning and recommending any member of the local congregation for ordination who has given evidence of being called of God to the Gospel Ministry, has been licensed by their church and called to a pastoral position.

The Ordination Council of Bladen Baptist Association questioned and recommended for Ordination the following candidate to the following churches for ordination:

Randy Andrews to Love Grove Baptist Church

Roy Gregory Packer to Sunset Harbor, Brunswick Association

During the coming year let us "pray therefore to the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers" into the fields which are white unto harvest".

Ordination Council
Chairman, Rev. James Brooks

# WHITE LAKE LEISURE MINISTRY
# SUMMER 2000

| Campsite | Number Of Services | Attendance | Average Attendance | Offerings |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Harolds | 14 | 315 | 22 | $ 423.00 |
| Lakeside | changes being done no services | | | |
| Langston | 15 | 426 | 28 | $ 764.90 |
| Marshburn | campground under construction | | | |
| Regal Resort | 14 | 476 | 34 | $ 876.59 |
| Tar Heel | 14 | 230 | 16 | $ 396.25 |
| **TOTALS** | **57** | **1447** | **25** | **$2,460.74** |

A Special Thank You to all the workers this Summer.
Mr. Keith Dowd and Rev. Steve Butler donated their mileage this Summer.

**EXPENDITURES:**

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| Tracts | $ 630.00 | |
| Sound Systems | $ 2,599.49 | |
| Hospice Tournament | $ 34.61 | |
| Bradley Butler | $ 300.00 | |
| Clayton Tyndall | $ 250.00 | |
| Ray Bledsole | $ 300.00 | |
| Billy Moran | $ 600.00 | |
| Float | $ 277.68 | |
| Banners | $ 109.99 | |
| Tents | $ 423.96 | |
| Programs | $ 369.73 | |
| Meal for Workers | $ 39.00 | |
| **Total Expenditures** | **$ 5,934.46** | |
| October 1, 1999 Bank Balance | | $ 5,834.46 |
| Offerings | | $ 2,460.74 |
| Total cash to date | | $ 8,295.20 |
| Less listed expenditures | | $ 5,934.46 |
| September 15, 2000 Balance | | $ 2,360.74 |
| Balance on CD | $ 6,711.09 | |

Respectfully Submitted
By Joyce H. Thomas

# DOM RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

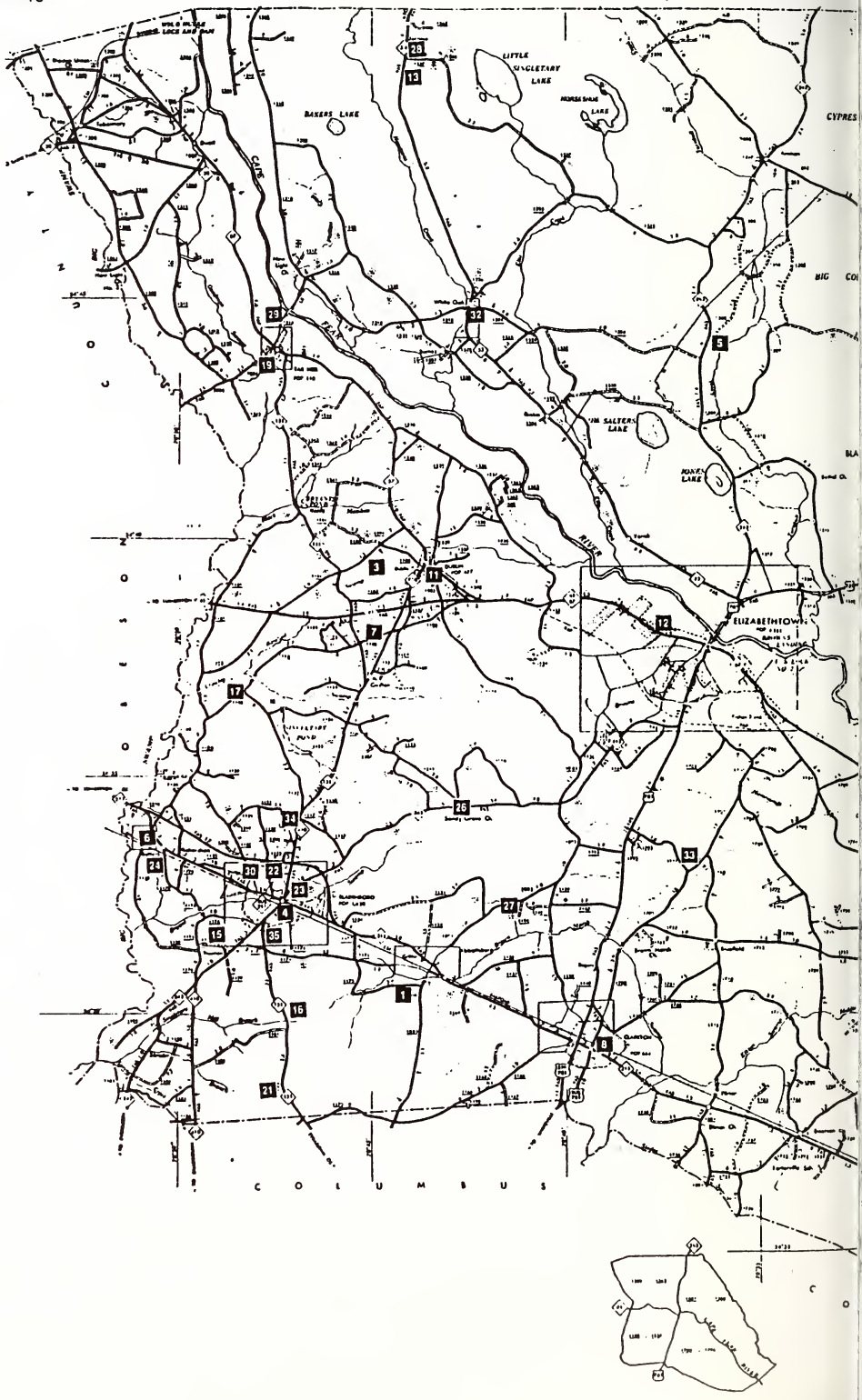
The Bladen Baptist Association extended a call in December, 1999 to Rev. Bruce Cannon, former pastor of Galeed Baptist Church, to be the new Director of Missions. Rev. Cannon began this new position on January 1, 2000.

At the meeting in which he was elected, Rev. Cannon expressed several concerns on his heart regarding the Bladen Baptist Association:

1) As DOM he will strive to work with both pastor and laity to see our Churches become healthy, strong, visionary congregations. With an estimated 70% to 80% of the congregations across America stagnated or declining, Rev. Cannon said he wants to work to see a mighty moving of God within the local Church which will result in Bladen County being reached with the Gospel.

2) As DOM he will work to help identify pockets of people within our county who do not have an existing work ongoing in their neighborhoods and lead us in planting congregations in those areas.

3) As DOM he wants to work with the Key Leadership Department Leaders of our Association to provide training for the local Church enabling to better do the work God is calling it to do.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COLUMBUS

# Churches of The Bladen Baptist Associaton

1. ABBOTTSBURG
2. BEARDS CHAPEL
3. BETHEL
4. BLADENBORO, FIRST
5. BRIAR BRANCH
6. BUTTERS
7. CENTER ROAD
8. CLARKTON, FIRST
9. COUNCIL
10. CYPRESS CREEK
11. DUBLIN, FIRST
12. ELIZABETHTOWN
13. FAITH
14. FRIENDSHIP
15. GALEED
16. GRACE
17. HICKORY GROVE
18. LISBON
19. LOVE GROVE
20. NATMOORE
21. NEW CENTER
22. NORTHSIDE
23. PEACE
24. RICHARDSON
25. RIVERSIDE
26. SANDY GROVE
27. SHADY GROVE
28. SUGGS GROVE
29. TAR HEEL
30. WEST BLADENBORO
31. WHITE LAKE
32. WHITE OAK
33. WHITES CREEK
34. ZION HILL
35. OASIS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
36. GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION

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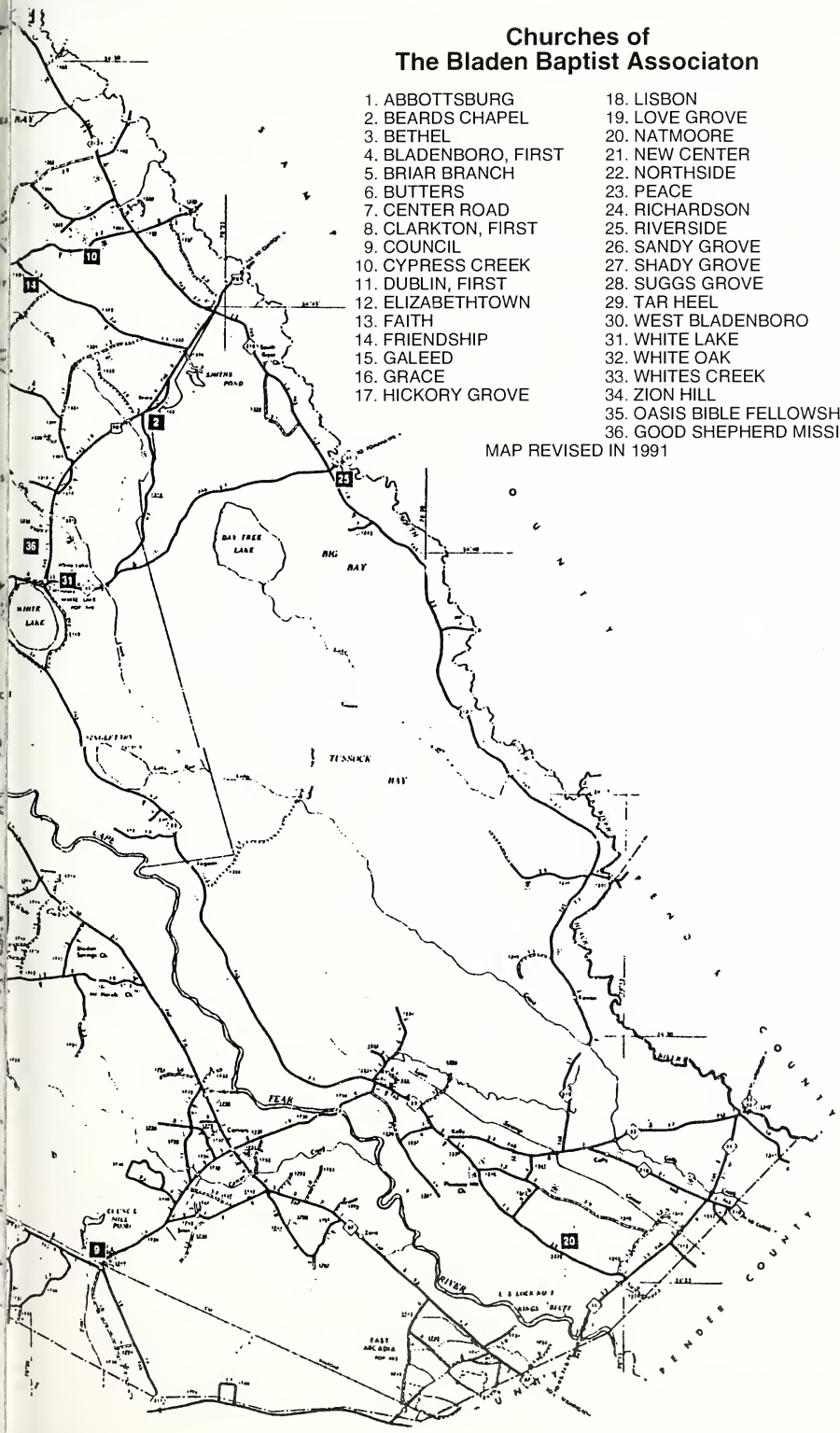

Brother Bruce has also indicated a desire to be in communication with all Bladen Baptists. If you have concerns or hopes you wish to share I am certain you will find that he has time to listen and speak with all of us.

Please keep our new Director of Missions in your prayers as he labors among us.

Respectfully submitted,
Harvey Bedsole, Chairman
DOM Relations Committee

## DEACON CONSULTANT REPORT

How important is the office of Deacon to the overall success of the church today? This is but one of the questions pondered during our "Key Leadership" at Caswell this past year. The answer to that question is "VERY!" It goes without saying that the office of Deacon is one of great importance to God's plan for His church. The deacon is a co-laborer with the pastor, in the field of church ministry.

Associational Key Leadership was held at Sandy Grove Baptist Church, Tuesday, September 19, 2000. Our conference was led by Brother Dan Deaton, Director of Missions for the Little River Association and Deacon Consultant for the Baptist State Convention. Brother Deaton shared with those in attendance, the importance of the Deacon's role in the church. He led the group in discussing the "Deacon's Convenant."

It is my prayer that Deacon's throughout the Bladen Association might grasp the important role they have as God's servant. Ordination as defined in a secular dictionary states: "The rite of consecration to the ministry." That ministry is well defined in the "Deacon's Covenant" and this will be our focus this year for deacons in the Association.

If I can be of assistance to any Deacon body in the Bladen Assocation please do not hesitate to contact me at (910) 648-4524. Brother Dan Deaton has also offered to make himself available as well and he can be reached through me.

Sincerely
Dewey C. Jackson

## "HISTORICAL EVENTS" 2000

**Following are the historical events listed in the Annual Church Profiles:**

**Bethel:** Purchased a bus and built garage for bus. Renovation of Activity Center for Youth. Painted and carpeted Sanctuary. Refurbished the Education Department of Church; painted and wallpapered. Owen Carroll ordained as Deacon. Mission trip to New Salem Baptist Church, Sparta, North Carolina; held revival services, painted church, youth puppet team held services on campground.

**Bladenboro, First:** September 1, 2000: Called Children's Director - Bernetta Sweeney

**Briar Branch:** Supports Bladen Pregnancy Center, and they held their first anniversary at Briar Branch.

**Center Road:** Greg Cain, Earl Kinlaw, and Kevin Pait were ordained as Deacons, September 24, 2000.

**Dublin, First:** Began Day School on September 25, 2000. Rusty Hill and Jeremy Waters ordained as Deacons.

**Elizabethtown:** Broke ground on Christian Activity Center.

**Friendship:** Exterior woodwork on all buildings covered; replaced with vinyl in Spring 2000.

**Love Grove:** (1) Purchased a church van. (2) Put vinyl siding on wood trim of church and fellowship hall. (3) Youth puppet team went to Charlotte for workshop and competition. (4) Youth attended Blueberry Festival in Ammon. (5) Youth Puppet Team performed at 12 different churches. (6) Float in Tar Heel Fun Day Parade.

**Natmoore:** Addition of (3) three new classrooms.

**White Oak:** The renovation to the church sanctuary were completed; new carpet, pews re-stained and re-padded. Riser added to choir loft and new chairs.

# ANNUITY BOARD REPORT
# 2000

The Annuity Office of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in partnership with the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention provides services related to retirement planning, financial support of ministers and other church employees, life and health insurance programs, and church/clergy tax issues. During this past year numerous conferences, consultations, etc. were conducted to service our churches and church

employees related to these issues. Education continues to be a number one priority since so many people do not participate in the plans simply because they are not aware of the great benefits.

On January 1, 2000, the Annuity Board began offering The Minister's Annuity Plan. This new product is particularly designed for the minister who has self-employment income from performing services (i.e. weddings, funerals, revivals, writing) as a Southern Baptist minister, and others who may not qualify for one of the other Annuity Board retirement plans. Eligibility can be determined by contacting the Annuity Board's customer service area.

The Southern Baptist Convention in annual session in June, 2000, approved changes to the Annuity Board's Mission Statement and two new Ministry Assignments. The changes will now allow the Annuity Board to offer personal investing for Southern Baptist ministers and denominational employees and their spouses, and to assist churches and denominational entities by making available institutional investment services through cooperative agreements with state Baptist foundations.

As of May 31, 2000, there were 4,561 active participants in the annuity retirement plan from 61% of our North Carolina churches. The money contributed by individuals, churches, and the matching contributions from the state convention is invested according to the individual participant's financial goals and risk tolerance with the overall aim to help participants ensure their security in old age. The number of persons in North Carolina receiving retirement benefits totals 2,807 with another 368 assisted through the Adopt An Annuitant and Relief ministries. Funds for supplemental assistance are provided from the Cooperative Program, the Retired Ministers' Support Fund, and the Adopt and Annuitant plan.

For more information related to Annuity Board products and services, call the Baptist State Convention at 1-800-395-5102 extension 174 or call the Annuity Board at 1-800-262-0511 or visit the Annuity Board Web site at www.absbc.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Johnny Ross

# BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA

**"Quality Service Through Quality Relationships"** is not just a slogan. It is a foundational statement of philosophy. In our ministry, relationships are everything - relationships with children, with families, with placement agencies, with our own families and churches, and with each other. We are blessed by God in this work because we honor God in relationships.

During the QSTQR emphasis, all BCH staff at every ministry point have made extra efforts to strengthen relationships with the people we encounter. We have incorporated the terms quality, service and relationships into a plan of action. We have reflected our desire for quality relationships in everything we do in order to deliver quality services that change lives. QSTQR, celebrating the mission.....the millennium.....the ministry, was BCH's theme from Easter, 1999 through Thanksgiving 2000.

Through Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, hundreds of children and families are given new hope for their futures.....

**Children like Linda and her two younger sisters. Linda feared for their well being. It was her responsibility to care for her sisters. Linda remembers moving to a shelter where she finally felt they were safe; there was enough for the sisters and warm beds. The three children were later placed at BCH. Now, Linda is in a place where others care for her. Linda has discovered God cares for her, too.**

**The McDonalds found the challenge of being a blended family difficult at times. Their son began to exhibit anger toward his parents. He would challenge their authority and began getting in trouble with some neighborhood kids. The situation was getting out of control. Corey's parents called BCH, where they found a staff willing to embrace their family with hope. Today, Corey has begun to deal with his anger, mistrust and behavior issues. His parents are learning how to better communicate with each other and with Corey.**

During the past year, BCH served 1800 children and families through 13 facilities statewide. BCH operates residential campuses in Thomasville, Pembroke, Kinston and Clyde; a maternity home in Asheville; a teen mother/baby home in Lenoir; values change homes for girls at Franklin and Lenoir; therapeutic camping for boys in Cameron; emergency care cottages at the residential campuses and in Waynesville and Asheville; and a model day care center in Thomasville.

In 2000, BCH began a new, innovative ministry caring for developmentally disabled adults and their families. Our Trustees unanimously approved a major undertaking this year by committing more than $3.5 million to replace, repair, construct and make-much needed improvements at every BCH location. Most of the work is complete. You are invited to visit our campuses and other facilities to see first hand the difference you are helping us to make.

The commitment to quality has been a cornerstone of this institution since its beginning. **"Quality Service Through Quality Relationships"** was a 20-month public demonstration of this cornerstone. The emphasis places top priority on relationships to achieve the highest quality of service possible. Significant growth has been realized during this period. BCH has dedicated new structures at Odum Home, Cameron Boys Camp, Kennedy Home, Broyhill and Mills Home campuses and added new work in Waynesville and Asheville as well as Moody Home, Care House, Noel Group Home. Several significant anniversaries have been observed: the 85th of Kennedy Home in Kinston, the 30th of Baptist Maternity Home in Asheville, the 20th of Cameron Boys Camp, the 40th annual Western Area Conference, and the 115th anniversary of Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina.

To help commemorate BCH's 115th anniversary and to celebrate the impact QSTQR has had on staff and children, approximately 600 children, administrators, childcare workers, social workers and staff were brought together June 28, 2000 from around the state for a day of inspiration, fellowship, food and fun. **"The Family Gathering"** was held at Mills Home where BCH began in 1885. This is the first time all the Baptist Children's Homes "family" have been together at the same place and at the same time.

Baptist Children's Homes QSTQR emphasis will culminate at Thanksgiving. We invite you to attend BCH's 30 minute presentation at the 2000 annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention in Winston-Salem on Tuesday, November 14, 2000 at 2:10 p.m. We encourage you to be part of our ambitious $1 million Thanksgiving Offering goal. That number may seem enormous, but there is also enormous need. For all the good North Carolina Baptists are doing to help children and families, there is still so much that needs to be done. We are confident our churches will help us meet this important goal!

The support of North Carolina Baptists through the Thanksgiving Offering, Cooperative Program, and individual gifts, memorials, honors, bequests and estate gifts help enable us to fulfill our mission statement: **"helping hurting children.....healing broken families."**

North Carolina's "largest family" is grateful to North Carolina Baptists for prayers and support. To secure a video or a speaker for your church, or for information about our serivces, please call (336) 474-1209.

Michael C. Blackwell, President
Ward F. Mullis, Chairman, Board of Trustees

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# THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC.
# 1999 ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and serivces provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

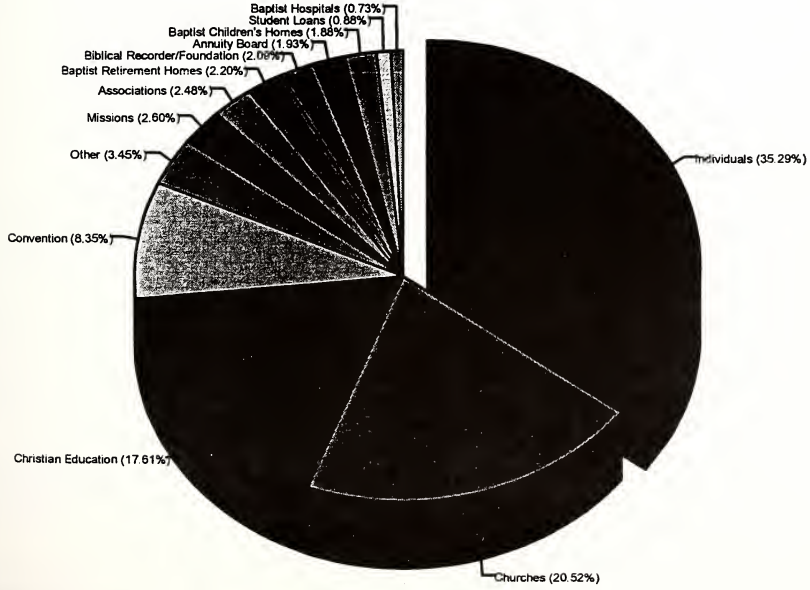
During 1999, the Foundation provided assistance to individuals in establishing 20 endowment funds and 12 charitable remainder trusts totaling $3.8 million and received $2.8 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for 122 churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over $3 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance.

As of December 31, 1999, the Foundation held $93,355,200 under management. This is an increase of more than $12.5 million over 1998. During 1999, $1,864,044 was distributed to individuals and $3,418,543 to Baptist work for a total distribution of $5,282,587. During the 80-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., $16,081,204 has been distributed to individuals and $25,723,551 to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $41,804,755.

Terry Alford, Chair, Board of Directors
M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

**The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc.**
**1999 Distributions**



# REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS
## Meeting the Challenges of Health Care 2000

### HOSPITAL CONTINUES THE MISSION

In May of 2000 The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc. celebrated 77 years of regional, national, and international service. During these years the hospital has been faithful to the initial vision of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. When the hospital opened the convention stated the reason for doing so was: to extend the healing ministry which was demonstrated by Jesus Christ. Many challenges have been faced through these years, but the commitment to compassionately strive for innovative excellence has remained the same.

### BAPTIST BENEVOLENT CARE FUND

Baptist churches from all across North Carolina joined us in mutual mission through the Mother's Day Offering. This annual ingathering of love was approved by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in 1924. In 1999 the MDO amounted to $531,452. These funds were used exclusively to help patients who had minimal or no health care insurance and had no other financial means to pay their hospital bills. From the offering this past year, well over $200,000 was used to assist members of our Baptist churches in North Carolina.

### SCHOOL OF PASTORAL CARE

During the year the Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education provided worship services in Davis Chapel on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday as well as services in the J. Paul Sticht Center. Chaplain supervisors, residents and interns made more than 50,000 ministry contacts last year. The Department's fully accredited Clinical Pastoral Education program graduated 65 students.

The Department of Pastoral Counseling, CareNet, Inc., continues to develop its ministries. There are now 16 Christian counseling centers located across the state. The newest center is now open in Greenville and is the staging ground for serving northeast North Carolina. During the year these professionally staffed centers provided 27,293 hours of Christian counseling, making CareNet the largest pastoral counseling system in the United States.

The Center for Congregational Health, Inc. continues to develop its mission of helping congregations become healthier communities of faith. **Programs and assistance** offered to churches include Intentional Interim Ministry, strategic planning, staff and team development, and conflict management. **Resources for ministers** include: Young Leaders Program, Leadership Development Group, Interim Ministry Training, and Intentional Interim Ministry training. The Center has served an average of 21 North Carolina Baptist congregations a month during the past year.

### FACTS ABOUT WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER

- With more than 9,600 employees, we are the largest employer in Forsyth and Guilford counties.
- A Certificate of need was granted for a 47,000 square foot Downtown Health Plaza to be built replacing the Reynolds Health Center, which provides health care for undeserved people in Forsyth and surrounding counties.
- Building strong relationships with the community is important to us. A recent survey indicates that Medical Center employees donate more than 30,000 hours of volunteer service a year to more than 300 different organizations in our area.
- Construction has begun on a 350,000 square foot addition atop Ardmore Tower. This will provide more space for Brenner Children's Hospital as well as additional operating suites and private patient rooms.

**ADDITIONAL POINTS OF EMPHASIS AND PROGRESS**

*New Dental Program for Indigent Children* - Baptist Hospital has become a major participant in a community partnership to provide dental care for indigent children. NCBH opened a dental clinic on May 8, 2000, where three dentists are treating hundreds of children who previously had little or no access to dental services. Children who had known dental pain as a way of life, or who never had routine services because their parents could not afford it, are now being treated.

*Physician Excellence* - In 1999, 600 physicians in North Carolina were listed among "The Best Doctors in America"; 95 are WFUBMC physicians.

*Nursing Excellence* - Baptist Hospital was one of the first hospitals in the nation to receive Magnet Recognition for Excellence in Nursing, demonstrating exemplary nursing leadership and quality patient care from the American Nurses Credentialing Center, the nation's leading nursing credentialing organization.

*Ranked Among The Nation's Best* - North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc., continues to be ranked among America's best hospitals in ten of 16 specialities, according to rankings published in the July, 2000 issue of *U.S. News & World Report.* This ranking reflects the reputation of specialists at NCBH as seen by their peers across the nation.

*Newest Treatment for Epilepsy* - Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center offers a new treatment for epilepsy - a "pacemaker for the brain" that can help control seizures in patients who are not helped by medication and are ineligible for surgery.

*Information and Appointments* - For more information or to make an appointment with a physician, contact HEALTH-ON-CALL at 1 (800)-446-2255 or 336-716-2255.

**A CLOSING WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT**

From it's dedication on May 28, 1923 to the present, North Carolina Baptist Hospital has been commmitted to our mission of providing the highest quality health care to our patients and their families in a compassionate, caring manner. This report reflects how our mission and values of excellence, compassion, innovation, and integrity are lived out every day. As a Medical Center we continue to be one of the leading research centers in the United States. We provide a wide array of comprehensive health care, across the spectrum of life, to people with the most severe medical conditions. Most importantly, this care is provided one person at a time in a way that reflects the Spirit of Christ, whose healing ministry forms our very foundation.

Respectfully submitted,
Len B. Preslar, Jr., President
The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated

## Baptist Retirement Homes: *"A Half-Century of Service"*

In March 2001, the Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina will celebrate 50 years of service to Older Adults. It has been a wonderful half-century, and the "Homes" is thankful for the privilege of sharing in the life journeys of thousands of "Aging Saints."

The quality of life the "Homes" has brought to these Older Adults has been its best measure of success as it has helped ensure that residents live out their lives with autonomy, dignity, and comfort. The "Homes" dream is to make life for North Carolina Older Adults what God intended it to be...."The Best of Times."

The "Homes" corporation now owns and operates four retirement communities across the state: the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem, a continuing care community offering independent living, assisted living and nursing care; the Western North Carolina Home in Asheville, a community that offers assisted living and nursing

care; and the Hamilton Home in Hamilton and The Taylor House in Albermarle, communities that offer assisted living services. Later this year the "Homes" will begin construction on a new community - The Gardens of Taylor Glen, a continuing care community near Concord.

The generous support the "Homes" has received from North Carolina Baptists has enabled it to make a unique promise to its residents: *whatever the future may hold, Baptist Retirement Homes will care for them for the rest of their lives.* Keeping this promise means overcoming many challenges. By 2020 North Carolinians past retirement age will make up 20 percent of the population. While medical science has prolonged life, the effects of aging are often intensified and extended over many years. Many Older Adults exhaust their personal resources and look to the "Homes" for significant financial assistance.

Still Baptist Retirement Homes stands ready to make good its promise of ongoing compassionate and quality care.

*Whatever the future may hold, Baptist Retirement Homes will care for its residents for the rest of their lives.*

## BIBLICAL RECORDER ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT JUNE, 2000

Since 1833, the *Biblical Recorder* has served North Carolina Baptists as the official news journal of the Baptist State Convention. Founded by Thomas Meredith, the *Biblical Recorder* was owned and operated as a private enterprise until 1938, when the paper was purchased by and incorporated as an agency of the Baptist State Convention.

The *Biblical Recorder* promotes God's kingdom work in accordance with its mission statement: ***"Our Mission is to further Christ's kingdom among North Carolina Baptists by providing relevant news, insightful opinions and supportive resources in a timely and accessible fashion."***

As an agency belonging to all North Carolina Baptists, the *Biblical Recorder* provides balanced news coverage of Baptist news from throughout the state and reflects opinions representative of the diversity that is typical of our churches. The *Recorder* also includes periodic features designed to offer ideas, encouragement, and inspiration to readers.

In keeping with current needs, the *Biblical Recorder* maintains a frequently used site on the World Wide Web. This site (www.biblicalrecorder.org) offers Internet users an opportunity to read much of each paper's content several days before printed versions arrive. This is particularly helpful during convention meetings and at other times when frequent updates are desirable. As time and resources allow, additional features are being added to make the site an even more valuable source of information for North Carolina Baptists.

The *Biblical Recorder* works in partnersip with the Baptist State Convention and receives annual support from Cooperative Program gifts as an agency of the Convention. This support makes it possible to offer the *Recorder* for just pennies per issue. The *Biblical Recorder* has not raised subscription rates in five years, but a string of steep postage hikes will almost certainly necessitate modest increases in subscription prices beginning in 2001.

Currently, the annual rates (including tax) are:

- Every Home Plan (20%+ of church families, paid through the church budget)- $7.42
- Club Plan (4 or more persons in a church subscribe together) - $8.48
- Individual Subscription - $10.60

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# ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS 2000

It is with humble gratitude that the Christian Action League of North Carolina serves the Lord Jesus Christ and the churches of this great state as a Beacon of light, guiding referendums and legislation through the murky waters of special-interest groups and educating God's people about the moral problems in our state and nation. Our goal is to encourage and organize the people of God so that our light will be seen brightly throughout our state; and when we speak, it will be in one accord and will resound loudly.

**A. Christian Values**

a. The Christian Action League again co-sponsored the Fifth Annual Christian Heritage Week of North Carolina held in March. It was our pleasure to provide awards for excellence to those high school students who won the essay contest on America's Christian background.

b. CAL has continued to promote and distribute copies of the Ten Commandments throughout North Carolina. To date. over 15,000 copies have been mailed.

c. Promoted awareness of worldwide persecution of Christians (particularly in Sudan) through email alerts and radio.

d. Participated with the American Family Association in distributing copies of our national motto posters "In God We Trust".

e. Joined with Family Life Ministries in promoting and distributing copies of the Marriage Covenant Certificates.

f. Participated in the National Day of Prayer.

g. Set up CAL exhibit at Baptist State Convention and the East and West Districts of the Wesleyan Church conferences.

h. Worked in the General Assembly to stop a bill that would allow physicians to take immediate custody of a child that they felt had been abused. The bill died in committee.

**B. Radio**

"Christians In Action", Station WAGO (88.7 FM) Snow Hill, started Monday, January 3, 2000. This broadcast consists of a five-minute commentary on issues that affect our lives today. We will begin airing this program on Aug. 7 on New Bern (WAAE, 91.9 FM). Our projection is to ultimately reach the whole state.

**C. Gambling**

a. Video Poker Machines - The Christian Action League worked round the clock to get video poker banned in this state. We failed getting the ban but were successful in getting SB 1542 to strengthen the law and restrict the operation and expansion of video gambling in the state. We will work vehemently next session in pushing for a ban.

b. Joined Christian Coalition in survey on how Gubernatorial candidates stood on lottery/released results in newsletter.

c. Next session the Christian Action League will be on the front line in the Legislature fighting a state-sponsored lottery.

**D. Abortion**

a. CAL has purchased the rights through donations of a surgical procedure on a 21-week old fetus that proves that partial-birth abortion is murder. We want to see this picture used extensively in making our case for the pro-life agenda.

b. CAL participated in the Right to Life Rally held in Raleigh.

**E. Alcohol**

a. Participated in four LBD campaigns since January 11, 2000, and there are three scheduled for a September referendum. We help with their organizational meetings, rallies and providing educational materials.

b. Worked in the General Assembly for passage of HB 1499-Interlock/Open Container law. This bill bans open alcohol containers in the passenger area of a motor vehicle on the highway or highway right-of-way. The bill was ratified on July 13.

**F. Pornography**

Have produced and aired several radio programs to inform the public of the internet pornography crisis. Educate communities on how they can rid their neighborhoods of adult establishments.

**G. Homosexuality**

CAL monitors and informs the Christian community of the current homosexual agenda through our email alert.

The Christian Action League of North Carolina produces a quarterly newsletter *The Beacon* that has a distribution of over 21,000. We also send out an email alert every Friday to over 150 members to keep them abreast of current moral, ethical and political issues that affect our state and nation. All services of the Christian Action League are provided at no charge. We depend on God's people to provide for His work.

Working For A Better North Carolina
Reverend Mark H. Creech
Executive Director
Joe S. Lennon, President

## COUNCIL ON CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION
## Baptist State Convention of North Carolina
## 2000

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Christian higher education represents one of our enduring values as North Carolina Baptists. From the founding of our Convention in 1830, we have supported Christian higher education. Our churches, associations, and state have benefited as a result.

Last year North Carolina Baptists provided special scholarship assistance to members from our churches who chose to attend one of our affiliated colleges or universities. Sixty-eight out of eighty associations were represented among the hundreds of students who received this special Convention sponsored scholarship assistance.

The instituitions matched the Convention's support of these Baptists students through institutional support. For every dollar provided to students through the Cooperative Program, the institutions matched it with $2.50 of additional financial assistance. Forty five percent (45%) of the on-campus student populations are Baptists.

In addition to support of undergraduates, North Carolina Baptists assisted 297 divinity school students last year. This financial assistance was made possible through churches giving through optional giving Plans B and C. Members from our churches who have sensed God's call upon their lives to serve as ministers or missionaries are eligible to receive a theological educational grant from the Convention.

If a student pursues their degree from the divinity schools at Gardner-Webb or Campbell, the student is eligible to receive a grant of $8,100. If a student pursues his or her theological education from other institutions, the student is eligible to receive a grant of $3,000 for their studies.

Reverend Shane Kirby recently graduated from the M. Christopher White School of Divinity at Gardner-Webb University. Upon graduation, Mr. Kirby said, *"I couldn't be more happy that I was able to obtain my master's at a North Carolina Baptist institution. I look at it like the Baptists of this state invested me. Now, I feel a sense of responsibility to the good people of my denomination to serve them."*

North Carolina Baptists can take pride in graduates, like Mr. Kirby, who want to serve our Lord and his churches in North Carolina.

Without the faithful support of the Cooperative Mission Budget of the Baptist State Convention, opportunities for our members to attend Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill or Wingate would not be possible.

Thank you North Carolina Baptists for your continued support of Christian higher education in our state.

Council on Christian Higher Education, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512-1107
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## REPORT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

### Missions at home and abroad not an "either/or" choice

By Jerry Rankin

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) -- Southern Baptists have reflected a heart for reaching the world for Jesus Christ through faithful support of the International Mission Board and increased involvement in global missions. We have seven consecutive years of record missionary appointments and saw a 25 percent increase in participation in overseas volunteer projects last year. We anticipate an unprecedented level of giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this year when the reports are compiled. While my passion is promoting international missions, we must never forget that missions begins at home. We cannot ignore the responsibility to reach our own nation with the gospel. The needs have always been overwhelming, but never before has the challenge to counter the godless social changes and declining morals of America with the claims of Jesus Christ been so great.

The North American Mission Board, under the leadership of Bob Reccord and his staff, is setting an exciting pace for evangelism and church planting throughout the United States and Canada. Efforts to penetrate the major urban areas of our nation, evangelize students and youth, and use Southern Baptist media effectively are proceeding at an impressive pace. With almost 5,000 missionaries and channels for more than 100,000 volunteers a year, the North American Mission Board is implementing a vision to expand our Southern Baptist witness and turn our nation to the Lord.

Recent changes in the Southern Baptist Convention have provided a structure for our two mission boards to work together in a God-glorifying synergy as never before. Joint efforts continue in Cananda as IMB missionary personnel work under the North American board's administration and strategies.

Cross-cultural missionaries assist with ethnic outreach in the United States and mobilize ethnic Southern Baptists for overseas service. Formal agreements have resulted in International World Changers projects and in the North American board enlisting volunteers for disaster response overseas.

As we move into the 21st century, God is giving us unprecendented opportunities to reach the uttermost ends of the earth. Southern Baptist churches are growing and reaching their Jerusalems. But we must not neglect extending our witness beyond our own communities throughout Judea and cross-culturally among those that represent the Samaria of our society.

Thank you for giving generously and sacrificially to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the work of the International Mission Board and for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions.

(Jerry Rankin is president of the Southern Baptist International Mission Board.)

# In Memorial

**ABBOTTSBURG**
Mrs. Letha Bullard
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Mrs. Ann Young

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# GIFTS FOR BUDGET
# YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2000

| | YEAR-TO-DATE |
|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG | 2,193.21 |
| BEARD'S CHAPEL | 600.00 |
| BETHEL | 2,548.08 |
| BLADENBORO, FIRST | 7,200.00 |
| BRIAR BRANCH | 600.00 |
| BUTTERS | 1,600.00 |
| CENTER ROAD | 4,962.81 |
| CLARKTON, FIRST | 4,274.91 |
| COUNCIL | 1,200.00 |
| CYPRESS CREEK | 1,969.80 |
| DUBLIN, FIRST | 2,688.00 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | 6,000.03 |
| FAITH | 764.00 |
| FRIENDSHIP | 1,693.32 |
| GALEED | 6,500.00 |
| GRACE | 568.78 |
| HICKORY GROVE | 1,412.50 |
| LISBON | 1,103.20 |
| LOVE GROVE | 0.00 |
| NATMOORE | 1,646.13 |
| NEW CENTER | 300.00 |
| NORTHSIDE | 2,361.60 |
| PEACE | 25.00 |
| RICHARDSON | 500.00 |
| RIVERSIDE | 2,500.00 |
| SANDY GROVE | 3,000.00 |
| SHADY GROVE | 3,075.00 |
| SUGGS GROVE | 1,925.00 |
| TAR HEEL | 5,474.88 |
| WEST BLADENBORO | 1,633.28 |
| WHITE LAKE | 3,047.29 |
| WHITE OAK | 1,800.00 |
| WHITE'S CREEK | 1,349.82 |
| ZION HILL | 3,750.00 |
| GOODSHEPHERD MISSION | 0.00 |
| OASIS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP | 774.81 |
| **TOTAL CHURCH GIFTS** | **81,041.45** |
| WMU THRIFT SHOP | 5,000.00 |
| WHITE LAKE PRISON | 0.00 |
| STATE CONVENTION | 1,312.30 |
| REIMBURSE COPIES | 0.00 |
| NC SALES TAX REFUND | 669.07 |
| SEMINARY EXTENSION | 0.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 2,432.25 |
| ANNUALS | 0.00 |
| DISASTER RECOVERY | 0.00 |
| BASKETBALL LEAGUE | 0.00 |
| | **90,455.07** |

| | |
|---|---|
| BUDGET GIFTS TO DATE | 90,455.07 |
| BUDGET NEED TO DATE | 94,573.00 |
| BEHIND BUDGET GOAL | - 4,117.93 |

*Bladen Baptist Association* *Treasurer - David Clark*

# BUDGET SUMMARY FOR
# YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2000

| BUDGET ITEM | | AMOUNT | YR-DATE | ITEM BAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **100** | **EDUCATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL MINISTRIES** | | | |
| 101 | Sunday School | 900.00 | 722.72 | 177.28 |
| 102 | Discipleship Trng. | 600.00 | 309.61 | 290.39 |
| 103 | Brotherhood | 800.00 | 800.00 | 0.00 |
| 104 | W.M.U. | 1,000.00 | 612.91 | 387.09 |
| 105 | Missions Development | 300.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 |
| 106 | Music | 300.00 | 291.50 | 8.50 |
| 107 | Evangelism | 1,500.00 | 973.96 | 526.04 |
| 108 | Pastoral Care | 500.00 | 167.35 | 332.65 |
| 109 | Audio Visuals | 400.00 | 25.00 | 375.00 |
| 110 | Associational Admin. | 300.00 | 296.84 | 3.16 |
| 111 | Seminary Extension | 300.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 |
| 112 | Special Training | 350.00 | 262.00 | 88.00 |
| 113 | Local Missions | 600.00 | 506.15 | 93.85 |
| 114 | Youth Ministry | 600.00 | 600.00 | 0.00 |
| 115 | Disaster Recovery | 5,500.00 | 4,275.70 | 1,244.30 |
| **200** | **ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES** | | | |
| 201 | Postage | 1,500.00 | 1,526.63 | -26.63 |
| 202 | Office Supplies | 3,000.00 | 2,505.77 | 494.23 |
| 203 | Equipment & Maint. | 1,900.00 | 1,272.60 | 627.40 |
| 204 | Utilities | 3,000.00 | 3,127.30 | -127.30 |
| 205 | Bldg. & Grounds | 2,000.00 | 1,720.76 | 279.24 |
| 206 | Insurance | 2,125.00 | 1,764.00 | 361.00 |
| 207 | Books & Literature | 300.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 |
| 208 | Ser. Min. Car, Travel | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 0.00 |
| 209 | Convention & Assemb. | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 0.00 |
| 210 | Annuity (Retirement) | 1,800.00 | 1,650.00 | 150.00 |
| 211 | F.I.C.A. (DOM) | 4,900.00 | 4,900.00 | 0.00 |
| 212 | F.I.C.A. (Secretary) | 1,062.00 | 1,056.85 | 5.15 |
| 213 | Housing & Util. DOM | 10,500.00 | 10,500.00 | 0.00 |
| 214 | Medical Spend. Fund | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 |
| 215 | Annuals | 500.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| 216 | DOM-Books/Education | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 |
| 217 | DOM-Health/Disab. Ins | 3,657.00 | 3,657.00 | 0.00 |
| **300** | **SALARIES** | | | |
| 301 | DOM Salary | 20,843.00 | 20,843.00 | 0.00 |
| 302 | Secretary Salary | 13,882.00 | 13,882.00 | 0.00 |
| 303 | Clerk | 954.00 | 954.00 | 0.00 |
| **400** | **MISCELLANEOUS** | | | |
| 401 | Emergency | 250.00 | 0.00 | 250.00 |
| 402 | Dom/Sec. Christmas | 750.00 | 750.00 | 0.00 |
| 403 | Contingency | 200.00 | 200.00 | 0.00 |
| | **TOTALS** | **94,573.00** | **88,153.65** | **6,419.35** |

**YEAR ACCOUNT SUMMARY**

| ACCOUNT | BAL | RECEIPTS | TOTAL CSH | EXPENSES | END BAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Budget | 65,454.81 | 90,455.07 | 155,909.88 | 88,153.65 | 67,756.23 |
| Contingency Fund | 3,605.52 | 0.00 | 3,605.52 | 0.00 | 3,605.52 |
| Federal Taxes | 0.00 | 1,503.00 | 1,503.00 | 1,503.00 | 0.00 |
| F.I.C.A. | 0.00 | 1,056.98 | 1,056.98 | 1,056.98 | 0.00 |
| State Taxes | 0.00 | 1,056.05 | 1,056.05 | 1,056.05 | 0.00 |
| Hurricane Floyd | 4,609.23 | 0.00 | 4,609.23 | 410.22 | 4,199.01 |
| Miscellaneous | 0.00 | 140.00 | 140.00 | 140.00 | 0.00 |
| Annuals (1999) | 1,080.00 | 84.00 | 1,164.00 | 831.78 | 332.22 |
| "Jesus" Videos | 125.00 | 15.00 | 140.00 | 0.00 | 140.00 |
| Assoc. Basketball | 0.00 | 8,566.05 | 8,566.05 | 8,124.40 | 441.65 |
| Disaster Recovery/Bap. men | 0.00 | 24,682.05 | 24,682.05 | 22,264.95 | 2,417.10 |
| "SYATP" Rally | 0.00 | 325.00 | 325.00 | 325.00 | 0.00 |
| Annuals (2000) | 0.00 | 472.00 | 472.00 | 0.00 | 472.00 |
| CelebrateJesus 2000 | 0.00 | 393.44 | 393.44 | 393.44 | 0.00 |
| **TOTALS** | **74,874.56** | **128,748.64** | **203,623.20** | **124,259.47** | **79,363.73** |

# TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR
# YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2000

| CHURCHES | YEAR'S RECEIPTS |
|---|---|
| ABBOTTSBURG | 2,193.21 |
| BEARD'S CHAPEL | 636.00 |
| BETHEL | 2,548.08 |
| BLADENBORO, FIRST | 8,550.00 |
| BRIAR BRANCH | 706.00 |
| BUTTERS | 1,672.50 |
| CENTER ROAD | 5,647.81 |
| CLARKTON, FIRST | 4,844.91 |
| COUNCIL | 1,212.00 |
| CYPRESS CREEK | 1,987.80 |
| DUBLIN, FIRST | 5,203.00 |
| ELIZABETHTOWN | 8,491.60 |
| FAITH | 764.00 |
| FRIENDSHIP | 2,753.32 |
| GALEED | 10,110.00 |
| GRACE | 1,076.28 |
| HICKORY GROVE | 2,287.50 |
| LISBON | 1,603.20 |
| LOVE GROVE | 0.00 |
| NATMOORE | 1,646.13 |
| NEW CENTER | 1,300.00 |
| NORTHSIDE | 5,426.60 |
| PEACE | 25.00 |
| RICHARDSON | 500.00 |
| RIVERSIDE | 2,536.00 |
| SANDY GROVE | 3,745.00 |
| SHADY GROVE | 3,125.00 |
| SUGGS GROVE | 1,925.00 |
| TAR HEEL | 6,782.88 |
| WEST BLADENBORO | 1,651.28 |
| WHITE LAKE | 3,733.34 |
| WHITE OAK | 2,048.00 |
| WHITES CREEK | 1,494.82 |
| ZION HILL | 3,963.00 |
| GOODSHEPHERD MISSION | 0.00 |
| OASIS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP | 1,304.81 |
| **TOTAL CHURCH GIFTS** | **103,494.07** |
| WMU THRIFT SHOP | 5,000.00 |
| WHITE LAKE PRISON | 0.00 |
| STATE CONVENTION | 1,312.30 |
| REIMBURSE COPIES | 0.00 |
| NC SALES TAX REFUND | 669.07 |
| SEMINARY EXTENSION | 0.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 3,906.55 |
| ANNUALS | 24.00 |
| DISASTER RECOVERY | 9,886.62 |
| BASKETBALL LEAGUE | 840.00 |
| **TOTAL INCOME** | **125,132.61** |

# BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

| | | 2000 BUDGET | 2001 PROPOSED BUDGET |
|---|---|---|---|
| **100** | **EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES** | | |
| 101 | Sunday School (VBS $400.00) | $ 900.00 | $ 900.00 |
| 102 | Discipleship Training | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| 103 | Brotherhood | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| 104 | W.M.U. | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 105 | Missions Development | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 106 | Music | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 107 | Evangelism | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 108 | Pastoral Care | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 109 | Audio Visual (Media) | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| 110 | Association Administration | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 111 | Seminary Extension | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 112 | Special Training | 350.00 | 350.00 |
| 113 | Local Missions | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| 114 | Youth Ministry | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| 115 | Disaster Recovery | 5,500.00 | 5,500.00 |
| **TOTAL** | | **$ 13,950.00** | **$ 13,950.00** |
| **200** | **ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES** | | |
| 201 | Postage | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 202 | Office Supplies | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| 203 | Office Equipment & Maint. | 1,900.00 | 1,900.00 |
| 204 | Utilities | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| 205 | Bldg. & Grounds Maint. | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| 206 | Insurance | 2,125.00 | 2,125.00 |
| 207 | Books & Literature | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 208 | Services Ministries, Car, Travel | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| 209 | Convention & Assemblies | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 210 | Annuity (Retirement) | 1,800.00 | 1,800.00 |
| 211 | SS DOM (Reimbursement) | 4,900.00 | 4,900.00 |
| 212 | Social Security - Secretary | 1,062.00 | 1,104.00 |
| 213 | Housing & Utilities | 10,500.00 | 10,500.00 |
| 214 | Medical Spend. Fund | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 215 | Annuals | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 216 | DOM-Books-Education | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| 217 | DOM-Health-Disability Ins. | 3,657.00 | 3,657.00 |
| **TOTAL** | | **$ 43,744.00** | **$ 43,786.00** |
| **300** | **SALARIES** | | |
| 301 | Director of Missions | 20,843.00 | 20,843.00 |
| 302 | Secretary Salary | 13,882.00 | 14,437.00 |
| 303 | Clerk | 954.00 | 994.00 |
| **TOTAL** | | **$ 35,679.00** | **$ 36,274.00** |
| **400** | **MISCELLANEOUS** | | |
| 401 | Emergency | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| 402 | DOM/Sec. Christmas Gift | 750.00 | 750.00 |
| 403 | Contingency | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| **TOTAL** | | **$ 1,200.00** | **$ 1,200.00** |
| **GRAND TOTAL** | | **$ 94,573.00** | **$ 95,210.00** |

# HISTORICAL TABLE-BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October, 1892, the Cape Fear Associations met at Shady Grove Baptist Church. The Churches of Bladen County were called to a meeting later in October at Browns Creek Baptist Church to discuss the organization of a Bladen County Association. Delegates at the meeting decided to organize. On November 7, 1892, delegates from the churches of Bladen County met at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Lisbon, and organized the Bladen County Baptist Association. In the Historical Table this meeting is designated the First Annual Session. We will be featuring the last (10) Sessions.

| Session | Year | Church | Moderator | Clerk | Preacher |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 1892 | Mt. Pleasant | William Brunt | H.B. Register | W.S. Melvin |
| 100. | 1991 | Lisbon<br>Elizabethtown | Charles Little | Myrtle Lockamy | Paul Forrester<br>Carroll Fonvielle |
| 101. | 1992 | Zion Hill<br>Cypress Creek | Jerry Beck | Myrtle Lockamy | Earl Farthing<br>Michael Thompson |
| 102. | 1993 | Sandy Grove<br>White Oak | Jerry Beck | Marjorie Smith | Dwight Cooper<br>Jerry Beck |
| 103. | 1994 | Suggs Grove<br>Northside | Jerry Beck | Marjorie Smith | David Rutland<br>Sidney Britt |
| 104. | 1995 | Tar Heel<br>Dublin | David Rutland | Virginia Gause | Sidney Britt<br>James Brooks |
| 105. | 1996 | Hickory Grove<br>Cypress Creek | David Rutland | Virginia Gause | James Brooks<br>Clyde Coates |
| 106. | 1997 | Center Road<br>Friendship | Michael Thompson | Virginia Gause | Bruce Cannon<br>Robert Boone |
| 107. | 1998 | Galeed<br>Clarkton, First | Michael Thompson | Virginia Gause | Oren Honeycutt<br>Dewey Jackson |
| 108. | 1999 | Zion Hill<br>White Lake | Darryll Hester | Virginia Gause | Steve Butler<br>Richard Smith |
| 109. | 2000 | Bladenboro, First<br>Elizabethtown | Darryll Hester | Virginia Gause | Dewey Jackson<br>Orborn Gibson |

## Congregation and Member Info

### Bladen Association

*Legend: 1 -- Total Membership 2 -- Resident Membership 4 -- Other Additions 5 - New Member Training 6 -- Year Organized 7 -- Year Pastor Came 8-- Location (A-J)*
*9 -- AM Worship Att. 10 -- Church-Type Missions Started 11 -- Church-Type Missions Operating 12 -- Lost/Unchurched 13 -- Assoc. Mis on % Basis*
*14 -- Intercessory Prayer Race -- Racial Ethnic Group*

| CONGREGATION | C/M | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbottsburg Bapt Ch | C | 165 | 102 | 0 | 1 | 1870 | 1996 | A | 40 | 0 | 0 Y | Y | Y | | 1 |
| Beards Chapel | C | 99 | 64 | 6 | 0 | 1888 | 2000 | A | 48 | 0 | 0 Y | N | N | | 1 |
| Bethel | C | 375 | 253 | 7 | 0 | 1881 | 1988 | A | 127 | 0 | 0 Y | N | Y | | 1 |
| Bladenboro First Bap | C | 431 | 295 | 7 | 4 | 1911 | 1993 | C | 190 | 0 | 0 N | Y | Y | | 1 |
| Briar Branch | C | 128 | 80 | 2 | 7 | 1845 | 1990 | A | 56 | 0 | 0 Y | N | N | | 1 |
| Butters | C | 190 | 190 | 0 | 0 | 1932 | 1999 | A | 75 | 0 | 0 N | Y | N | | 1 |
| Center Road | C | 396 | 245 | 2 | 0 | 1885 | 1994 | A | 150 | 0 | 0 Y | Y | Y | | 1 |
| Clarkton | C | 349 | 193 | 0 | 4 | 1884 | 1989 | C | 83 | 0 | 0 N | Y | Y | | 1 |
| Council | C | 91 | 46 | 1 | 0 | 1912 | 1998 | A | 25 | 0 | 0 N | N | N | | 1 |
| Cypress Creek Missionary | C | 76 | 63 | 0 | 0 | 1853 | 1995 | A | 43 | 0 | 0 Y | Y | Y | | 1 |
| Dublin | C | 368 | 368 | 5 | 0 | 1950 | 2000 | C | 150 | 0 | 0 Y | N | N | | 1 |
| Elizabethtown | C | 431 | 371 | 0 | 0 | 1903 | 1996 | D | 240 | 0 | 0 N | Y | N | | 1 |
| Faith | C | 79 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 1978 | 1995 | A | 30 | 0 | 0 N | Y | Y | | 1 |
| Friendship | C | 139 | 107 | 0 | 0 | 1976 | 1999 | A | 80 | 0 | 0 N | Y | N | | 1 |
| Galeed Bapt Ch | C | 584 | 417 | 8 | 150 | 1876 | 2000 | A | 275 | 0 | 0 Y | Y | Y | | 1 |
| Good Shepherd Hispanic | M | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1995 | 1996 | C | 60 | 0 | 0 N | N | Y | | 1 |
| Grace | C | 76 | 70 | 3 | 0 | 1957 | 1957 | A | 70 | 0 | 4 Y | Y | N | | 1 |
| Hickory Grove | C | 295 | 271 | 3 | 0 | 1834 | 1976 | A | 105 | 0 | 0 N | N | Y | | 1 |
| Lisbon | C | 171 | 106 | 6 | 0 | 1870 | 1999 | B | 85 | 0 | 0 Y | Y | Y | | 1 |
| Love Grove | C | 123 | 91 | 6 | 0 | 1872 | 1999 | B | 52 | 0 | 0 Y | Y | Y | | 1 |
| Natmoore | C | 104 | 74 | 24 | 0 | 1862 | 1999 | C | 60 | 0 | 0 Y | Y | Y | | 1 |
| New Center | C | 130 | 90 | 1 | 0 | 1947 | 1986 | A | 55 | 0 | 0 Y | Y | Y | | 1 |
| Northside | C | 255 | 255 | 2 | 0 | 1954 | 2000 | C | 128 | 0 | 0 Y | Y | Y | | 1 |
| Oasis Bible Fellowship | C | 26 | 26 | 6 | 6 | 1997 | 1997 | C | 26 | 0 | 0 Y | Y | Y | | 1 |
| Peace Bapt | C | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1989 | 1991 | D | 10 | 0 | 0 Y | N | Y | | 1 |
| Richardson | C | 61 | 36 | 5 | 5 | 1914 | 1999 | A | 23 | 0 | 0 N | N | Y | | 1 |
| Riverside | C | 234 | 167 | 0 | 0 | 1924 | 1996 | A | 75 | 0 | 0 N | Y | Y | | 1 |
| Sandy Grove Bapt Ch | C | 286 | 197 | 0 | 0 | 1873 | 1999 | A | 70 | 0 | 0 Y | Y | Y | | 1 |
| Shady Grove | C | 209 | 169 | 2 | 0 | 1885 | 1999 | A | 55 | 0 | 0 Y | Y | Y | | 1 |
| Suggs Grove Bapt Ch | C | 165 | 117 | 1 | 0 | 1832 | 1980 | A | 54 | 0 | 0 Y | Y | Y | | 1 |
| Tar Heel Bapt Ch | C | 281 | 196 | 7 | 0 | 1872 | 1991 | A | 100 | 0 | 0 N | Y | Y | | 1 |
| West, Bladenboro | C | 235 | 185 | 11 | 0 | 1917 | 2000 | C | 90 | 0 | 0 Y | N | Y | | 1 |
| White Lake | C | 227 | 145 | 8 | 0 | 1832 | 1989 | A | 65 | 0 | 0 Y | Y | Y | | 1 |
| White Oak | C | 209 | 145 | 6 | 3 | 1859 | 1998 | B | 73 | 0 | 0 Y | Y | Y | | 1 |
| White's Creek Baptist Church | C | 302 | 258 | 0 | 0 | 1914 | 1998 | A | 90 | 0 | 0 Y | Y | Y | | 1 |
| Zion Hill | C | 208 | 148 | 0 | 1 | 1885 | 2000 | A | 120 | 0 | 0 Y | Y | Y | | 1 |
| **Total:** | | **7,561** | **5,600** | **129** | **181** | | | | **3,078** | **0** | **4** | | | | |

## Baptism Info

### Bladen Association

*Legend: 3 -- Baptisms Total  3a -- Baptisms 0-5  3b -- Baptisms 6-8  3c -- Baptisms 9-11  3d -- Baptisms 12-17  3e -- Baptisms 18-29  3f -- Baptisms 30-59  3g -- Baptisms 60-*

| CONGREGATION | C/M | 3 | 3a | 3b | 3c | 3d | 3e | 3f | 3g |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbottsburg Bapt Ch | C | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Beards Chapel | C | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Bethel | C | 10 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Bladenboro First Bap | C | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Briar Branch | C | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Butters | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Center Road | C | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clarkton | C | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Council | C | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Cypress Creek Missionary | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dublin | C | 6 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Elizabethtown | C | 18 | 0 | 6 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Faith | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Friendship | C | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Galeed Bapt Ch | C | 14 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Good Shepherd Hispanic | M | 12 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| Grace | C | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Hickory Grove | C | 11 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Lisbon | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Love Grove | C | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Natmoore | C | 11 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| New Center | C | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Northside | C | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Oasis Bible Fellowship | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Peace Bapt | C | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Richardson | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Riverside | C | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sandy Grove Bapt Ch | C | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Shady Grove | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Suggs Grove Bapt Ch | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tar Heel Bapt Ch | C | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| West, Bladenboro | C | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| White Lake | C | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| White Oak | C | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| White's Creek Baptist Church | C | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Zion Hill | C | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Total:** | | **144** | **1** | **16** | **38** | **28** | **32** | **28** | **1** |

# Sunday School Info - Enrollment

## Bladen Association

*Legend: 15 -- Total SS Enrollment 15a -- SS 0-5 15b -- SS 6-11 15c -- SS 12-17 15d -- SS 18-24 15e -- SS 25-34 15f -- SS 35-54 15g -- SS 55 up 15h -- SS General Officers 15i -- Other Bible Study 16 -- SS Avg Weekly Attendance 17 -- Non-Cong Members 18 -- Vacation Bible School*

| CONGREGATION | C/M | 15 | 15a | 15b | 15c | 15d | 15e | 15f | 15g | 15h | 15i | 16 | 17 | 18 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbottsburg Bapt Ch | C | 70 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 34 | 4 | 0 | 45 | 6 | 52 |
| Beards Chapel | C | 70 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 13 | 24 | 2 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 0 |
| Bethel | C | 142 | 13 | 18 | 11 | 5 | 19 | 30 | 43 | 3 | 0 | 92 | 0 | 126 |
| Bladenboro First Bap | C | 255 | 26 | 5 | 12 | 14 | 19 | 61 | 84 | 6 | 28 | 167 | 31 | 69 |
| Briar Branch | C | 64 | 5 | 9 | 13 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 16 | 4 | 0 | 32 | 0 | 92 |
| Butters | C | 106 | 3 | 9 | 11 | 15 | 21 | 24 | 18 | 5 | 0 | 75 | 2 | 73 |
| Center Road | C | 197 | 27 | 30 | 6 | 9 | 44 | 53 | 21 | 7 | 0 | 125 | 0 | 157 |
| Clarkton | C | 160 | 23 | 13 | 16 | 8 | 24 | 24 | 41 | 4 | 7 | 74 | 8 | 98 |
| Council | C | 24 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 22 |
| Cypress Creek Missionary | C | 53 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 17 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 25 | 0 | 38 |
| Dublin | C | 214 | 14 | 12 | 22 | 12 | 27 | 36 | 87 | 4 | 0 | 125 | 13 | 144 |
| Elizabethtown | C | 283 | 32 | 46 | 23 | 5 | 15 | 35 | 115 | 12 | 0 | 155 | 75 | 140 |
| Faith | C | 31 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 16 | 1 | 33 |
| Friendship | C | 74 | 3 | 18 | 13 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 18 | 2 | 0 | 50 | 5 | 70 |
| Galeed Bapt Ch | C | 436 | 36 | 70 | 18 | 45 | 48 | 120 | 59 | 10 | 30 | 205 | 92 | 288 |
| Good Shepherd Hispanic | M | 25 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 40 | 0 |
| Grace | C | 126 | 17 | 19 | 14 | 7 | 12 | 32 | 22 | 3 | 0 | 75 | 13 | 100 |
| Hickory Grove | C | 152 | 13 | 12 | 25 | 10 | 16 | 39 | 35 | 2 | 0 | 106 | 0 | 65 |
| Lisbon | C | 69 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 11 | 5 | 14 | 17 | 3 | 0 | 48 | 10 | 64 |
| Love Grove | C | 65 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 18 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 52 | 0 | 67 |
| Natmoore | C | 61 | 4 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 15 | 15 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 61 | 0 | 41 |
| New Center | C | 76 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 6 | 12 | 21 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 55 | 7 | 60 |
| Northside | C | 163 | 21 | 22 | 18 | 10 | 23 | 40 | 27 | 2 | 0 | 117 | 40 | 132 |
| Oasis Bible Fellowship | C | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 35 | 15 | 0 |
| Peace Bapt | C | 38 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Richardson | C | 44 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 19 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 23 | 4 | 34 |
| Riverside | C | 49 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 49 | 0 | 28 |
| Sandy Grove Bapt Ch | C | 114 | 19 | 4 | 14 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 48 | 3 | 0 | 70 | 3 | 0 |
| Shady Grove | C | 100 | 5 | 15 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 35 | 3 | 12 | 45 | 0 | 0 |
| Suggs Grove Bapt Ch | C | 90 | 5 | 19 | 10 | 6 | 10 | 25 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 48 | 17 | 74 |
| Tar Heel Bapt Ch | C | 159 | 12 | 17 | 19 | 8 | 0 | 43 | 58 | 2 | 0 | 100 | 9 | 155 |
| West, Bladenboro | C | 108 | 10 | 15 | 5 | 19 | 16 | 20 | 19 | 4 | 0 | 75 | 7 | 102 |
| White Lake | C | 52 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 15 | 12 | 3 | 0 | 34 | 2 | 47 |
| White Oak | C | 74 | 7 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 18 | 18 | 3 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 85 |
| White's Creek Baptist Church | C | 127 | 7 | 13 | 12 | 10 | 11 | 34 | 37 | 3 | 0 | 68 | 0 | 84 |
| Zion Hill | C | 100 | 11 | 8 | 10 | 6 | 9 | 16 | 36 | 4 | 0 | 64 | 13 | 137 |
| **Total:** | | **4,008** | **357** | **461** | **356** | **267** | **441** | **872** | **1,014** | **116** | **124** | **2,496** | **413** | **2,677** |

## Discipleship Training Info

### Bladen Association

*Legend: 19 -- Total Ongoing Discipleship Training 19a -- Ongoing Preschool B-5 19b -- Ongoing Child 6-11 19c -- Ongoing Youth 12-17 19d -- Ongoing Adult 18-up*
*19e -- DT Gen. Officers 20 -- Total Short-Term DT 20a -- Short-Term Preschool 20b -- Short-Term Children 20c -- Short-Term Youth*
*20d -- Short-Term Adults - Gen. Officers DTEN (19+20) -- Total DT Enrollment/Participation*

| CONGREGATION | C/M | 19 | 19a | 19b | 19c | 19d | 19e | 20 | 20a | 20b | 20c | 20d | DTEN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbottsburg Bapt Ch | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Beards Chapel | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bethel | C | 27 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 |
| Bladenboro First Bap | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Briar Branch | C | 10 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Butters | C | 32 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 19 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 |
| Center Road | C | 115 | 11 | 22 | 10 | 68 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 115 |
| Clarkton | C | 42 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 18 | 2 | 20 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 62 |
| Council | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cypress Creek Missionary | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dublin | C | 123 | 7 | 9 | 30 | 76 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 123 |
| Elizabethtown | C | 100 | 10 | 0 | 15 | 75 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 120 |
| Faith | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Friendship | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Galeed Bapt Ch | C | 174 | 15 | 54 | 26 | 75 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 174 |
| Good Shepherd Hispanic | M | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grace | C | 56 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 32 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 56 |
| Hickory Grove | C | 82 | 7 | 5 | 12 | 55 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 82 |
| Lisbon | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Love Grove | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Natmoore | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Center | C | 41 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 20 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 |
| Northside | C | 71 | 8 | 17 | 8 | 36 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 71 |
| Oasis Bible Fellowship | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Peace Bapt | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Richardson | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Riverside | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sandy Grove Bapt Ch | C | 41 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 28 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 |
| Shady Grove | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Suggs Grove Bapt Ch | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tar Heel Bapt Ch | C | 42 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 23 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 |
| West, Bladenboro | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| White Lake | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| White Oak | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 26 |
| White's Creek Baptist Church | C | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Zion Hill | C | 52 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 29 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 52 |
| **Total:** | | **1,018** | **82** | **134** | **189** | **585** | **28** | **66** | **0** | **1** | **1** | **64** | **1,084** |

## Music Ministry Info

### Bladen Association

*Legend: 21 -- Total Music Ministry Enrollment  21a -- Preschool 3-5  21b -- Children 6-11  21c -- Youth 12-17  21d -- Adult Choir 18-up  21e -- Other Music Groups*

| CONGREGATION | C/M | 21 | 21a | 21b | 21c | 21d | 21e |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbottsburg Bapt Ch | C | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Beards Chapel | C | 31 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 16 | 0 |
| Bethel | C | 62 | 8 | 15 | 26 | 13 | 0 |
| Bladenboro First Bap | C | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 0 |
| Briar Branch | C | 25 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 17 | 0 |
| Butters | C | 21 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 0 |
| Center Road | C | 53 | 0 | 11 | 4 | 38 | 0 |
| Clarkton | C | 59 | 8 | 13 | 8 | 20 | 10 |
| Council | C | 13 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Cypress Creek Missionary | C | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| Dublin | C | 90 | 4 | 12 | 18 | 24 | 32 |
| Elizabethtown | C | 80 | 0 | 25 | 10 | 35 | 10 |
| Faith | C | 24 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 5 |
| Friendship | C | 57 | 6 | 11 | 6 | 22 | 12 |
| Galeed Bapt Ch | C | 184 | 25 | 35 | 60 | 48 | 16 |
| Good Shepherd Hispanic | M | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Grace | C | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| Hickory Grove | C | 55 | 3 | 10 | 12 | 30 | 0 |
| Lisbon | C | 24 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 14 | 0 |
| Love Grove | C | 36 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 21 | 0 |
| Natmoore | C | 25 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 14 | 0 |
| New Center | C | 40 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 20 | 0 |
| Northside | C | 58 | 12 | 0 | 16 | 30 | 0 |
| Oasis Bible Fellowship | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Peace Bapt | C | 10 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| Richardson | C | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Riverside | C | 24 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Sandy Grove Bapt Ch | C | 34 | 5 | 2 | 11 | 16 | 0 |
| Shady Grove | C | 39 | 1 | 12 | 10 | 16 | 0 |
| Suggs Grove Bapt Ch | C | 46 | 3 | 13 | 10 | 20 | 0 |
| Tar Heel Bapt Ch | C | 64 | 3 | 12 | 12 | 29 | 8 |
| West, Bladenboro | C | 55 | 6 | 12 | 12 | 25 | 0 |
| White Lake | C | 21 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 15 | 0 |
| White Oak | C | 30 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| White's Creek Baptist Church | C | 39 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 20 | 0 |
| Zion Hill | C | 40 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 19 | 15 |
| **Total:** | | **1,407** | **116** | **264** | **263** | **656** | **108** |

## Missions Involvement

### Bladen Association

*Legend: 22 -- Miss. Project Participation  22a -- Local Community  22b -- State/National  22c -- Canada  22d -- International*

| CONGREGATION | C/M | 22 | 22a | 22b | 22c | 22d |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbottsburg Bapt Ch | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Beards Chapel | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bethel | C | 39 | 15 | 24 | 0 | 0 |
| Bladenboro First Bap | C | 150 | 80 | 30 | 0 | 40 |
| Briar Branch | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Butters | C | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Center Road | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clarkton | C | 104 | 45 | 35 | 6 | 18 |
| Council | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cypress Creek Missionary | C | 15 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Dublin | C | 20 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Elizabethtown | C | 35 | 20 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Faith | C | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Friendship | C | 120 | 40 | 40 | 0 | 40 |
| Galeed Bapt Ch | C | 205 | 125 | 75 | 3 | 2 |
| Good Shepherd Hispanic | M | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grace | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hickory Grove | C | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Lisbon | C | 28 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Love Grove | C | 72 | 36 | 36 | 0 | 0 |
| Natmoore | C | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Center | C | 12 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northside | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oasis Bible Fellowship | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Peace Bapt | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Richardson | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Riverside | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sandy Grove Bapt Ch | C | 115 | 29 | 0 | 86 | 0 |
| Shady Grove | C | 25 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Suggs Grove Bapt Ch | C | 20 | 12 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Tar Heel Bapt Ch | C | 28 | 0 | 28 | 0 | 0 |
| West, Bladenboro | C | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| White Lake | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| White Oak | C | 11 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| White's Creek Baptist Church | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Zion Hill | C | 96 | 21 | 15 | 0 | 60 |
| **Total:** | | **1,108** | **514** | **324** | **105** | **165** |

# Financial - Missions

## Bladen Association

*Legend: 29 -- Cooperative Programs 30 -- Assoc. Missions 31 -- State Missions 32 -- Annie Armstrong 33 -- Lottie Moon 34-- Other SBC Miss. Exp. 35 -- Non-SBC Miss. Exp. TME -- Total Mission Expenditures (29-35)*

| CONGREGATION | C/M | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | TME |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbottsburg Bapt Ch | C | $5,614 | $2,807 | $397 | $230 | $250 | $482 | $0 | $9,780 |
| Beards Chapel | C | $600 | $600 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $1,200 |
| Bethel | C | $1,500 | $2,500 | $500 | $1,340 | $1,565 | $2,105 | $0 | $9,510 |
| Bladenboro First Bap | C | $27,865 | $7,200 | $1,092 | $2,463 | $4,380 | $410 | $43,400 | $86,810 |
| Briar Branch | C | $0 | $600 | $50 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $4,573 | $5,223 |
| Butters | C | $1,800 | $1,600 | $245 | $1,237 | $1,401 | $400 | $2,531 | $9,214 |
| Center Road | C | $34,525 | $4,654 | $0 | $4,525 | $5,368 | $27,632 | $117,222 | $193,926 |
| Clarkton | C | $11,099 | $5,315 | $861 | $2,018 | $4,630 | $1,878 | $132 | $25,933 |
| Council | C | $318 | $1,200 | $30 | $1,020 | $600 | $45 | $0 | $3,213 |
| Cypress Creek Missionary | C | $0 | $1,840 | $0 | $2,501 | $2,669 | $0 | $0 | $7,010 |
| Dublin | C | $8,578 | $2,688 | $425 | $1,475 | $2,088 | $0 | $800 | $16,054 |
| Elizabethtown | C | $16,500 | $6,000 | $1,294 | $2,719 | $58 | $836 | $1,608 | $29,015 |
| Faith | C | $200 | $742 | $200 | $100 | $120 | $0 | $1,005 | $2,367 |
| Friendship | C | $1,088 | $2,176 | $0 | $1,013 | $857 | $0 | $1,300 | $6,434 |
| Galeed Bapt Ch | C | $20,000 | $6,500 | $4,502 | $2,858 | $7,426 | $8,800 | $23,313 | $73,399 |
| Good Shepherd Hispanic | M | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Grace | C | $1,778 | $569 | $0 | $430 | $495 | $0 | $0 | $3,272 |
| Hickory Grove | C | $8,250 | $1,400 | $0 | $1,580 | $2,495 | $2,782 | $2,336 | $18,843 |
| Lisbon | C | $1,220 | $813 | $450 | $595 | $850 | $0 | $1,728 | $5,656 |
| Love Grove | C | $191 | $0 | $2,039 | $0 | $250 | $0 | $1,715 | $4,195 |
| Natmoore | C | $0 | $945 | $0 | $0 | $100 | $1,076 | $0 | $2,121 |
| New Center | C | $375 | $800 | $800 | $450 | $450 | $0 | $365 | $3,240 |
| Northside | C | $9,444 | $2,362 | $0 | $1,685 | $1,565 | $0 | $0 | $15,056 |
| Oasis Bible Fellowship | C | $853 | $637 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $3,289 | $4,779 |
| Peace Bapt | C | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Richardson | C | $0 | $500 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $500 |
| Riverside | C | $0 | $2,500 | $0 | $1,700 | $2,000 | $4,600 | $9,736 | $20,536 |
| Sandy Grove Bapt Ch | C | $4,320 | $3,000 | $0 | $1,171 | $1,858 | $95 | $0 | $10,444 |
| Shady Grove | C | $5,500 | $3,000 | $395 | $1,950 | $1,585 | $1,012 | $2,756 | $16,197 |
| Suggs Grove Bapt Ch | C | $1,260 | $2,075 | $0 | $1,000 | $1,000 | $0 | $275 | $5,610 |
| Tar Heel Bapt Ch | C | $5,231 | $5,231 | $250 | $753 | $2,767 | $345 | $0 | $14,577 |
| West, Bladenboro | C | $1,600 | $1,600 | $500 | $264 | $400 | $1,197 | $0 | $5,561 |
| White Lake | C | $3,380 | $3,047 | $200 | $300 | $800 | $200 | $932 | $8,859 |
| White Oak | C | $3,000 | $1,848 | $0 | $1,341 | $2,557 | $4,454 | $1,167 | $14,367 |
| White's Creek Baptist Church | C | $1,492 | $1,774 | $371 | $396 | $758 | $0 | $11,962 | $16,753 |
| Zion Hill | C | $5,138 | $3,113 | $2,000 | $1,005 | $2,284 | $2,039 | $700 | $16,279 |
| **Total:** | | **$182,719** | **$81,636** | **$16,601** | **$38,119** | **$53,626** | **$60,388** | **$232,845** | **$665,933** |

## Financial - General

### Bladen Association

*Legend: 26 -- Undesignated Gifts 27 -- Designated Gifts 28 -- Other Receipts TRE -Total Receipts (26+27+28) 36 -- Value Cong. Property 37 -- Congregational Debt*

| CONGREGATION | C/M | 26 | 27 | 28 | TRE | 36 | 37 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbottsburg Bapt Ch | C | $56,140 | $8,118 | $0 | $64,258 | $380,000 | $0 |
| Beards Chapel | C | $17,202 | $23,034 | $0 | $40,236 | $200,000 | $8,000 |
| Bethel | C | $62,030 | $89,300 | $2,570 | $153,900 | $1,250,000 | $0 |
| Bladenboro First Bap | C | $214,894 | $29,872 | $3,829 | $248,595 | $1,500,000 | $0 |
| Briar Branch | C | $52,976 | $0 | $0 | $52,976 | $210,000 | $0 |
| Butters | C | $70,202 | $3,941 | $8,252 | $82,395 | $100,000 | $0 |
| Center Road | C | $189,668 | $21,909 | $4,526 | $216,103 | $290,000 | $0 |
| Clarkton | C | $122,556 | $4,773 | $0 | $127,329 | $600,000 | $0 |
| Council | C | $28,640 | $3,213 | $0 | $31,853 | $69,000 | $0 |
| Cypress Creek Missionary | C | $46,006 | $256 | $0 | $46,262 | $457,000 | $0 |
| Dublin | C | $163,968 | $22,252 | $4,112 | $190,331 | $900,000 | $0 |
| Elizabethtown | C | $232,446 | $5,411 | $340 | $238,197 | $2,650,000 | $13,000 |
| Faith | C | $24,787 | $813 | $0 | $25,600 | $145,000 | $0 |
| Friendship | C | $72,536 | $2,746 | $0 | $75,282 | $507,935 | $0 |
| Galeed Bapt Ch | C | $302,304 | $84,051 | $0 | $386,355 | $1,500,000 | $0 |
| Good Shepherd Hispanic | M | $0 | $1,911 | $0 | $1,911 | $0 | $0 |
| Grace | C | $39,512 | $20,306 | $0 | $59,818 | $200,000 | $0 |
| Hickory Grove | C | $114,474 | $3,505 | $943 | $118,922 | $584,000 | $0 |
| Lisbon | C | $58,964 | $9,568 | $25 | $68,557 | $330,000 | $0 |
| Love Grove | C | $36,492 | $0 | $0 | $36,492 | $125,000 | $0 |
| Natmoore | C | $1,000 | $4,731 | $0 | $5,731 | $150,000 | $0 |
| New Center | C | $34,900 | $14,740 | $0 | $49,640 | $0 | $0 |
| Northside | C | $159,858 | $15,056 | $0 | $174,914 | $899,888 | $0 |
| Oasis Bible Fellowship | C | $37,020 | $1,895 | $1,279 | $40,194 | $0 | $0 |
| Peace Bapt | C | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Richardson | C | $12,384 | $0 | $3,139 | $15,523 | $200,000 | $0 |
| Riverside | C | $67,306 | $39,519 | $31 | $106,856 | $350,000 | $0 |
| Sandy Grove Bapt Ch | C | $94,708 | $16,322 | $0 | $111,030 | $1,655,000 | $0 |
| Shady Grove | C | $96,592 | $11,601 | $0 | $108,194 | $574,519 | $0 |
| Suggs Grove Bapt Ch | C | $70,102 | $534 | $7,256 | $77,892 | $750,000 | $0 |
| Tar Heel Bapt Ch | C | $104,630 | $23,593 | $0 | $128,223 | $763,900 | $0 |
| West, Bladenboro | C | $79,190 | $3,357 | $926 | $83,473 | $567,900 | $0 |
| White Lake | C | $60,962 | $8,871 | $941 | $70,774 | $4,000,000 | $0 |
| White Oak | C | $56,212 | $20,720 | $6,560 | $83,492 | $818,000 | $0 |
| White's Creek Baptist Church | C | $70,962 | $18,190 | $1,573 | $90,725 | $452,150 | $0 |
| Zion Hill | C | $105,400 | $4,375 | $534 | $110,309 | $250,000 | $0 |
| **Total:** | | **$2,957,023** | **$518,483** | **$46,836** | **$3,522,342** | **$23,429,292** | **$21,000** |

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